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LAWYER HUESTON LEADS BELLE TO ALTAR

LEWIS MAY SECURE IMPORTANT POST

Collector-to-be-Gottrill Coming—Treasury Auditorships to be Abolished—Doings in Social and Theatrical Circles.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 28.—This week the beautiful spirit of "Peace on earth and good will toward men" has pervaded the atmosphere of the nation's capital. Hostilities of all kinds have been suspended. Political and journalistic asperities have felt the softening influence of the Christmas cheer, and the acerbities that are wont to surround the emnipresent school problem are sweetened by the sublime sentiment echoed down the corridors of time since the wise men say the star in the East. 'Tis "ye merrie Christmas tide," leading up to the hour of the proverbial New Year resolution, and everyone is alive to the promise that 1911 may bring with right living and high thinking. The town has been full of holiday guests. Social events of ebery type are being "pulled off" Gifts have been exchanged, from the diamond tiara to the simple, but significant postcard. There have been marrying and giving in marriage galore. Good things to eat and otherwise absorbing have been on tap, and for the present the cost of living hos been forgotten.

We bid good-bye to 1910, asking that our sins of omission and of commission be wiped away. We are all resolving to do better next year. Perhaps we will. At any rate, we'll try, and with the help of a mericful Providence and an indulgent public, we have an even chance for success. It has been the aim of your correspondent to give everybody a square deal. For the many who have stood by us, we extend the "glad hand" of gratitude. For the few that have cast our name out as evil and dealt in uncharitableness, we grant a full and free pardon. "No harm done." We write 1911 with courage and cheerfulness. May the new year be to our readers all they hope for. We are sure they merit the richest blessings of Him who is mighty and almighty!

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Lawyer Hueston Leads a Charming Washingtonian to the Altar.

William Clarence Hueston, one of Kansas City's ablest and most influential barristers, surprised everybody at the capital by leading to the hymenial altar last Wednesday evening Miss Jennie Robinson, one of Washington's fairest and most popular young ladies. The ceremony was performed by Rev. John Hurst, financial secretary of the A. M. E. church , in the parlors of the financial headquarters, 1541 14th stdeet N. W. Those present were: Mrs. Robinson, mother of the bride; Miss Effie Simmons; Mrs. John Hurst; Prof. W. H. Richards, of Howard University Law School, and Isaac Hathaway, the sculptor, who acted as witnesses; and Benoni P. Hurst. The happy couple are well known throughout the country, and they start out in life with the best wishes of a host of friends. Mr. and Mrs. Hueston left immediately after the ceremony for their home in Kansas City, Mo.

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Mr. Lewis May Yet "Land" in a Good Berth.

The friends of United States District Attorney William H. Lewis, not satisfied with the indisposition of the Department of Justice to make a place for him as assistant attorney general, have been busy this week in his behalf. The white house and the offices of Attorney General Wickersham have been invaded by a determined delegation, and it was made very plain to the "powers" that if Mr. Lewis were not given the promised appointment, or something equally good, the stones of Boston would rise up in indignation and the echoes would be heard in every voting precinct in the country, where the colored brother abided in large numbers. Massachusetts rallied to Mr. Lewis in a manner that must have made the eloquent counsellor feel as proud as a boy with his first pair of long trousers, and back of the Bay State, in solid phalanx, were the Negro press and the loyal colored Republicans who helped to place the administration at the head of the patronage table in 1908. It is given out that while there may be no vacancy in the office of the attorney general at this time, there may be one created soon, by virtue of the closing out of a certain class of cases now on their final consideration on the docket. If the man on the job does not resign, a transfer may be effected, or another place, of equal dignity and salary may be found for Mr. Lewis. There is no doubt in the minds of the thinking colored people that President Taft meant what he said when he agreed to name Mr. Lewis. He is too big a man to indulge in campaign buncombe. He probably did not count on the development of opposition in the quarters that it was finally discovered. It is expected that the customary "Taft diplomacy" will ultimately bridge over all difficulties and that Mr. Lewis will shortly be given a satisfactory assignment.

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Are the Treasury Auditorships to Be Abolished?

If the announced plans of the "Economy Inquiry" are carried out, there is a likelihood that the auditorships of the Treasury will be abolished. There are now six auditors, drawing a salary of $4,000 each. One of them is Mr. Ralph W. Tyler, who audits the accounts of the Navy Department, and the office was formerly known as the "Fourth Auditor." Mr. M. O. Chance, auditor for the Postoffice Department, usually called the "Sixth Auditor," 'n'o'te'd' 'fo'r' hi's success as an accountant and rigid economist, has been made secretary of the Inquiry Commission, and will work at the white house in connection with secretary to President Norton, until the body is ready to make its report as to where the economies can be made most effective. It is said that when the offices of the several auditors are dispensed with, the auditing of the government will come under one general establishment. It is to be hoped that there will be an adjustment by which the present auditors will be retained in the service as deputies. Mr. Tyler has made a model official, and by strict atention to his duties, has saved the government thousands of dollars. It is the highest economy for the government to hold on to business men of the Ralph Tyler type.

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Movements of the Stage People.

At the New Howard this week, J. Leubrie Hill and the reorganized Howard Theater Stock Company are giving a very creditable performance of "The Blackville Corporation," a musical comedy in three acts. The book is by Mr. Hill and the music is by Prof. Will H. Vodery, the leader of the orchestra. The principal parts are taken by J. Leubrie Hill, Lewis A. Mitchell, William Brown, Richard W. Shelton, Coleman Minor, Bennie Hutchinson, Leona Marshall, Evonne Robinson, Mayme Butler and Hattie Ackers, supported by a well-drilled chorus of thirty-five. The company goes to Norfolk next week, and a tour of the South will follow. The size of the houses at this theater is steadily increasing, and it is not doubted that a regular, well-paying clientele will be developed in time.

Former Manager William H. Smith, of the Howard Theater, scored a triumph last week over the Rosenthal & Benedict syndicate, in his claim for the salary that would have been due him on his year's contract as manager. When a change was decided upon, Mr. Smith offered no objection to retiring, but as he had declined other offers to come here, and as the failure of the house to draw could not be laid at his door, he contended that the salary promised him for the year should be paid. He carried his case to court, and last Friday a judgment for one week's salary—$41.75—was awarded him. Judgments must come week by week, according to legal procedure, and it is expected that this first record will stand as a precedent for subsequent judgments. Mr. Smith is hopeful of receiving the entire balance due him on his year's contract. He may go to Chicago at the conclusion of his work here.

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Miss Minnie Brown, the New York prima donna, is filling an engagement in Baltimore. By special request she will sing to-morrow at the monster New Year's meeting of the Y. M. C. A. at the New Howard. A concert tour for Miss Brown is talked of upon the completion of her 'cello studies in this city.

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John Rucker, the "Alabama Blossom," and the "Down in Dixie" Minstrels are booked for all next week at the Howard, opening at the New Year's matinee Monday. The company is said to embrace 50 people and has been strengthened for its Northern tour of metropolitan cities. "Black Patti's Troubadours" are scheduled for the week of March 6 at this house.

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The Hiawatha is presenting the Musical Seminoles, T. Spencer Finley and a number of new motion picture reels for the Christmas season. Susie Sutton, Dixon and Henson and a fine bill are "turning 'em away nightly" at Ford Dabney's.

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Negro Daily to Be Launched in Baltimore.

A movement to establish a Negro daily is taking shape in Baltimore. The prime mover in the new venture is Hugh E. Macbeth, the energetic and optimistic editor of the Baltimore Times, which is said to be enjoying great prosperity. A capital of $100,000 will be raised to float the paper and plant, and it is stated that already a large portion of the money is in sight, to be taken up at the psychological moment. The daily is to be a strictly business proposition, and will have a staff commensurate with the most rigid demands of the times. The paper is to cover Baltimore, Washington and Philadelphia, and will be published in the afternoon. Mr. Macbeth expresses himself as confident that the movement will be a success.

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The News in Brief.

Joseph H. Douglass, the eminent violinist, is spending Christmas at home, after a successful tour of the South. He was well received in Texas and other States.

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The testimonial banquet in honor of Editor J. H. Murphy, of the Baltimore Afro-American Ledger, is set for January 30 in Baltimore. Five hundred invitations have been issued and the function is to be the "biggest ever." A trainload of Washingtonians will be in attendance. Editor H. E. Macbeth is in charge of the arrangements. He was in town Monday, in the interest of the project, and met with much encouragement.

The movement for the establishment of the society known as "The Friends of Africa" is strongly indorsed by the leaders ta the capital. The meeting of those interested in the redemption of the Dark Continent will be held in Tuskegee about the middle of January.

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H. J. Capehart has succeeded Ralph W. White as secretary to Congressman Hughes, of West Virginia. Mr. White has gone to his native State, West Virginia, to practice law.

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The senior class of Howard University College of Pharmacy has elected the following officers: Raymond H. Murray, president; Virginia R. Washington, vice president; Eva V. Mundein, secretary; Leonard Barnhill, assistant secretary; Harry Clarke, treasurer; Houston S. Schweick, sergeant-at-arms.

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The Hotel Hudnell has been placed in the hands of a receiver.

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M Street High School, the Abby Simmons School and the Frederick Douglass School, all located on adjoining lots, are to have a central heating plant.

Col. Henry Lincoln Johnson, Recorder of Deeds, was in the city this week and paid his respects to the President. The mother of Colonel Johnson is reported to be still very low at the Atlanta homestead. Colonel Johnson has the sympathy of his many friends in his hour of trouble.

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Mrs. B. P. Brownley, of Charleston, W. Va., attended the marriage of her sister, Miss Mary E. Meriwether, to E. B. Henderson, of the public schools.

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Thomas Nelson Page, in a recent address, indorsed the Y. M. C. A. method of treating the problem of moral uplift among colored young men.

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J. Ellis Barker, of London, England, who is making extensive investigations on the race problem in America, is to visit Hampton and Tuskegee, as typical schools for the study of the economic aspects of the question, and expects to look in at the National Religious Training School, carried on by Dr. J. E. Shepard, at Durham, N. C., where he will take note of an institution where the spiritual side is emphasized in connection with industrial features.

R. W. THOMPSON.

BALTIMORE, MD.

Special to The Freeman.

BALTIMORE.—Surrounded by his wife and nine children, John H. Murphy, managing editor of the Afro-American Ledger, celebrated his seventieth birthday Sunday at his home, 1320 Druid Hill avenue. During the day a large number of persons called to wish the veteran quill driver long life and continued prosperity. A native of this city and educated in private schools here, Mr. Murphy has long been prominent in racial affairs here, and is today as vigorous mentally and physically as a man half his age. His success in running the Afro-American Ledger for the past fourteen years has made him an optimist of optimists in regard to the future of Negro journalism and he will shortly move his plant into larger quarters at 628 North Eutaw street, corner of Druid Hill avenue, in order to introduce a number of long-contemplated improvements to the Afro-American Ledger..... Over 1500 poor children had their hearts gladdened last Saturday morning when the annual Christmas treat of the Colored Empty Stocking and Fresh Air Circle was given at the Metropolitan Methodist Episcopal church. Addresses were delivered by Councilman Harry S. Cummings, Rev. J. A. Holmes and others. The little ones were given clothing, toys, stockings filled with candy and other things to delight them. Miss Ida R. Cummings is president of the circle....The deal has been finally ratified by which the Payne Memorial M. E. church secures the handsome property of a white Methodist congregation for $41,700. Rev. P. W. Wortham is pastor of the church.

WEST BADEN, IND.

Special to The Freeman.

Mr. M. G. Wing entertained Capt. P. R. Ashford, his father-in-law, at a stag dinner. The guests were John Cook, Jim Cook, Langhon Jackson, Louis Schockency, Joe Fowler, George Waddy, Harry Pollard, Dudley Seebre, Odis Burnett. The evening was beautifully passed with the able Mr. John Cook as toastmaster.... Mrs. Chas. Rice left for Chattanooga, Tenn., to spend the holidays with her mother-in-law.....Miss Mattie Williams left for Chicago to spend the holidays.... Mrs. Alice Garnett is visiting her daughter, Mrs. C. P. Stockdale....Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Ashford, of Louisville, Ky., are guests of their daughter, Mayme Wing, at West Baden, Ind....Mr. and Mrs. George Waddy entertained Mr. and Mrs. P. Ashford, Mrs. M. Wing, Mrs. W. Potter, Mr. Ed. Rodgers, and Misses Emma Ashford and Lula Burks at dinner Christmas day....The joint Christmas tree of the K. of P.'s, the A. M. E. church, of French Lick, and the First Baptist church of West Baden, was quite a success. The tree was set up at the K. of P. hall. The program was rendered by the children of both Sunday schools. Beautiful presents were given to each child and many parents and friends were also the recipients of many valuable presents.

JEFFERSONVILLE NOTES.

Special to The Freeman.

Mrs. William Sparks, of Logansport, Ind., is visiting relatives in the city....Mr. Arthur Jackson, of Indianapolis, is here to spend the holidays with his mother, Mrs. T. B. Blakemoore....Miss Mattie J. McClellan has gone to Chicago to spend the Christmas vacation with her sister, Mrs. Lina Rosson.....Mr. Frank Berry has gone to Indianapolis to visit relatives and friends....Mr. Joseph Welch, our enterprising dealer in junk and second-hand furniture, has opened a skating rink at Lion Garden in Louisville....Frank Taylor, Jr., the local agent for The Freeman, met with a painful accident last Tuesday evening by being accidentally shot through the hand by a "flobert." The attending physician reports the wound in a favorable condition....Miss Jessie D. Lee has gone to St. Louis, Mo., to visit her sister, Mrs. Dr. Oliver Holloway....Fire destroyed a cottage on Missouri avenue last Tuesday night. It belonged to Mr. Joseph Welch and was insured....Rev. Franklin, of the M. E. church, and Rev. Rev. Kelly, of the A. M. E. church, were handsomely remembered by their respective congregations on Monday night in the Christmas exercises. It is the purpose of the other churches to do likewise by their pastors later in the week....On Sunday evening the members of Jericho Chapter, O. E. S. assembled at the Illinois Avenue Baptist church to listen to their annual sermon by Rev. John Collier. The chapter was present in a body and many Masons were in attendance. The choir of Illinois Avenue church furnished good music for the exercises. After a very acceptable sermon, a silver offering of $12 was raised....Prof. C. P. Skinner, who has charge of the school at Tell City, passed through the city en route to Memphis, Ind., to spend the Christmas holidays with his family, which resides there ....Get The Freeman of W. Frank Taylor, 344 Ohio avenue.

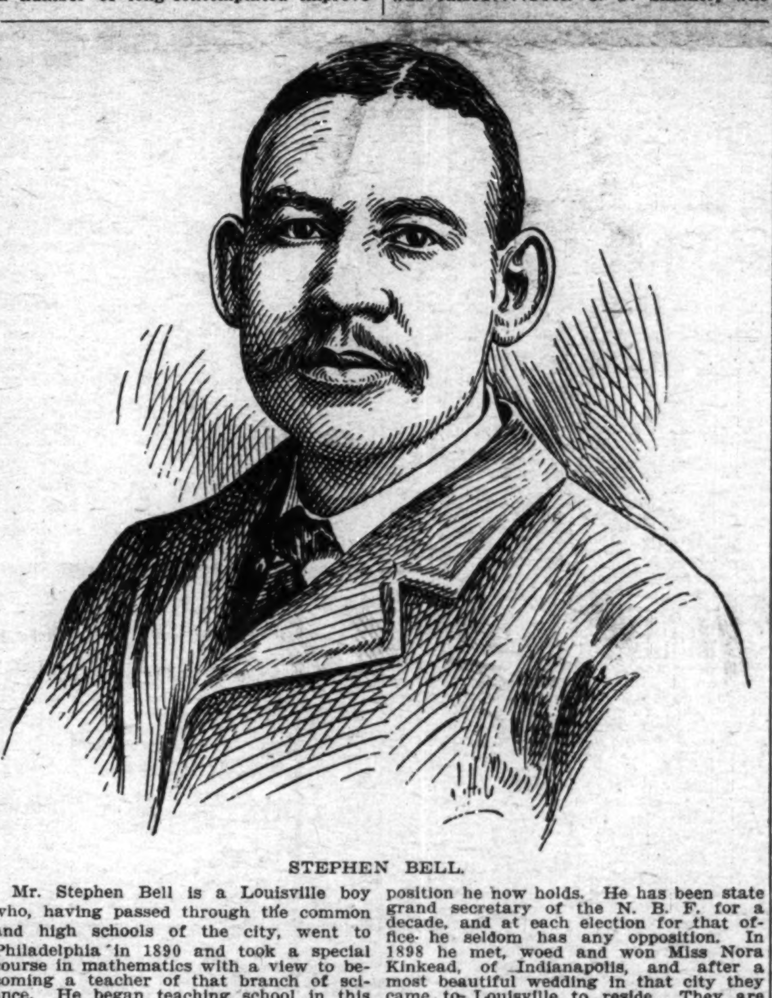
MUNCIE, IND.

Special to The Freeman.

The Christmas exercises of the Trinity M. E. Sunday school of Muncie were held at the Church Monday night, December 26. The program consisted of a cantata, "The Night Before Christmas," conducted by Mrs. Pearl Ovelton. The exercises were enjoyed by all present, and the children made merry with their treats, which were attended to by Mrs. Grey, primary teacher, and Mr. W. H. Robbins, superintendent....Miss Dessie Otland has returned home from a pleasant visit with relatives in Cabin Creek. ....Mr. William H. Robbins runs an up to date barber shop on Broadway.

BALTIMORE, MD.

Mr. Jim Robinson, of Jim Music Hall, Baltimore, Md., with the assistance of his manager, Howard Morton, is preparing to entertain all the resident and visiting friends during the holidays. In the music hall the performers will be Miss Mamie Sharp, singing and dancing comedienne; Mr. Howard Morton, comedian; Prof. Shout Blake, pianist; John Webster, traps, cafe, Chas. Knight and Geo. Schley, mixologists.....Mr. Eddie Myers, steward of the Middle Section club, will also have his cozy little club house open for all his friends and visitors. Miss Virgie Johnson and Billy Simms, entertainers, Profs. Al Demby and Blake, pianists. Mortie Brown, mixologist.



STEPHEN BELL.

Mr. Stephen Bell is a Louisville boy who, having passed through the common and high schools of the city, went to Philadelphia in 1890 and took a special course in mathematics with a view to becoming a teacher of that branch of science. He began teaching school in this city in 1893. After five years' experience as a pedagogue, he entered the revenue service as storekeepr and guager, which position he now holds. He has been state grand secretary of the N. B. F. for a decade, and at each election for that office he seldom has any opposition. In 1898 he met, woed and won Miss Nora Kinkead, of Indianapolis, and after a most beautiful wedding in that city they came to Louisville to reside. They are blessed with three children and have a happy home. Mrs. Bell spends much of her time in society and charitable duties.

AN ENGLISHMAN'S VIEW

J. ELLIS BARKER GIVES IMPRESSION OF NEGRO

IGNORANCE OF FACTS NOT ILL WILL

Cause of Race Prejudice—Case of Negro to be Presented to the Civilized World—Story to be Human Document.

THOMPSON'S NAT NEWS BUREAU ...

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 27.—Mr. J. Ellis Barker, who is making his headquarters temporarily in this city, has come from his home in London, England, to study some of the political, social and economic problems of the United States. He is taking an especial interest in the race problem, and has made it a point to meet all of our representative citizens and to visit the schools of various types and the churches, the hospitals, social settlements and the homes of every class of colored people, so numerously found in the capital of the nation. Mr. Barker is finding the race question a highly fascinating one, besides offering a field for much serious missionary work, and will make a tour covering the entire United States in search of stories and experiences of an intensely human character that will throw light upon a dark subject, and may embody his observations in a publication of some kind.

Mr. Barker is a gentleman of the highest culture, easy of approach, an earnest seeker after the whole truth, and possesses a wonderfully magnetic personality. He is one of England's most prominent political and economic writers, and is the author of "Great and Greater Britain," "Modern Germany," "The Rise and Decline of the Netherlands," "British Socialism," and other works which are considered standard boks, and which have been published both in England and in America. Several of these have been translated into Japanese. His booklet on "Free Trade and Protection" has been sold in England in more than a quarter of a million copies, and has been reprinted in this country by the United States Senate as an official authority on this great subject. Our representative saw Mr. Barker and asked him for a message to the colored people of America, and Mr. Barker readily conceded to this request. He said in part:

As an English Writers Sees the Race Problem.

"We people in Europe do not understand the race problem, and we do not know the colored people, for the simple reason that there are not any 'colored' people in Europe.

"In London, where I live, there are only a few hundred colored students whom one does not meet. Before I came to the United States, my prejudice against the colored people was as great as that of any Southern planter. My prejudice against your race, as I believe the prejudice of most white people, was due rather to ignorance than to ill will. I had been told in the books and papers published in Europe that the colored people were a race of barbarians and savages. I had been told that the colored people were a worthless set of people, dressed in rags, working a day or two during the week, and loafing during the rest of the time. I was told that the colored people were idle, diseased and vicious. So I imagined that all of them lived in slums and alleys and that the aristocracy of the race consisted of waiters and railway porters.

"I had been told that the colored people only played at science; that their doctors and lawyers were charlatans. I had been told that the people of mixed race were even worse than pure Negroes; that the mulattoes had lost the primitive virtues of the Negroes and had acquired all of the vices of the whites.

Mr. Barker's Eyes Are Opened.

"A chance encounter with a cultured man of color induced me to look into the race problem," continued Mr. Barker; "and I was perfectly amaed when I discovered how greatly the colored people have been libeled and traduced. I have spent a considerable amount of time with colored people and have met many who are highly cultivated. I have found that among your race you have excellent lawyers and some of the foremost physicians and surgeons.

"I have been over a large number of your elementary and higher grade schools and colleges and over Howard University, and I have admired the earnestness and resolute determination with which your children try to improve their minds and to raise themselves. In your night schools I have found old men and women, former slaves, who are anxious to learn writing and reading. I have been to the homes of many colored people and I have found them cozy, comfortable, elegant, and peopled by happy and harmonious families. I have been struck by the enormous progress which the colored race has made. But a few years ago the colored race was living in the stone age; today it has begun to live in the age of electricity. I made the acquaintance of some colored boys who have a wireless installation made by themselves on the roof of their parents' houses, and who talk to one another by marconigrams. Wherever I have loked I have found evidences of the most remarkable progress in culture, learning and prosperity.

The Negro's Case Stated and Mr. Barker's Plan of Salvation.

"Having been over many of your institutions and through many of your homes and having talked to many of your most prominent people and to a host of others, I have come to the conclusion that there ought to be a bright future for the colored race. I have come to the conclusion that the colored race is oppressed and persecuted, very largely because it is not known. I have come to the conclusion that the nemies of the colored race would change their views and their attitude if they could see what I have seen.

"Therefore, I wish to take them over the road which I have travelled. If the colored people of the country are ready to help me, I am willing to put their case, honestly and fearlessly, before the public, both in Europe and in America. I do not intend to write a book in the ordinary way on the race problem. Too many books have already been written and their value is small, because each book gives only the views of one single individual. I would like to take the civilized world to the homes and institutions of the colored people and, so to say, personally introduce the civilized world to the best among them.

"But, I cannot do this single-handed," said Mr. Barker. "If the colored people wish me to help them, they must enable me to help them. They must supply me with the information I require. Let every man and woman who reads these lines write to me in case of Prof. Kelly Miller, Howard University, Washington, D. C. I wish your people to give me their views and experiences. I wish them to tell me of their successes and of their sufferings. I want to know of their opportunities, lost and gained, and to learn the methods by which they have achieved their wonderful results.

Human Documents Must Tell the Negro's Life Story.

"I require human documents," declared Mr. Barker. "I do not wish to write merely of the sufferings and successes of the colored race in general terms, but to supply human documents. I wish to illustrate the progress of the race by individual cases. I want to be able to show that one man who, maybe, was born a slave, raised himself up to opulence by hard work and thrift; that another who was born in poverty and ignorance arrived at scientific eminence by his own unaided efforts. I wish to tell the world of the sufferings and complaints of the colored people in their own words, as regards their busines, law, lynchings and general treatment.

"I require not only facts, but pictures,. Let your readers send me any photographs which they would like the public to see. I would like the civilezd world to see the best types of the colored people and give pictures of their homes, their schools, their churches and other uplifting institutions. I should like to show the colored people at play, at church, and in their social gatherings. If your readers will supply me with that information, I think something may be done to help them. If they do not, I shall not publish anything on the race problem. It is for your readers to say whether they wish me to put their case before the European public or not. I shall be glad to have the ministers and teachers everywhere, as well as the newspaper men of the race to call general attention to this movement and urge their constituents to send in responses at once along the line indicated."

Booker T. Washington, "The World's Greatest Orator."

"Have you met Dr. Booker T. Washington?" our representative asked Mr. Barker.

"Yes," responded Mr. Barker. "I have met him and spent several very profitable hours in his company. I have found him one of the ablest and the most intelligent men I have ever met. He is as sharp as a needle. He has a vast fund of practical common sense and eminently statesmanlike views. I have had the pleasure of hearing him speak at the dedication of the Science Hall of Howard University. His speech was, by far, the best speech I have ever heard on a similar occasion. I think that he is, perhaps, the greatest orator living. At any rate, he is the greatest orator I have ever heard. Mr. Booker T. Washington is truly a great man, and he has the modesty of a great man. He is a credit to your race, and his life and work should be an inspiration to every man, woman and child of color. Praise of the most extravagant nature has not been able to spoil him, because he is genuine all the way through. Criticisms, often unjust and uncalled for, have not turned him from the upward and onward course his genius has marked out as correct. While others are indulging in complaints and reciting epigrams, Booker T. Washington is building a race on solid ground. The future will prove the wisdom of this epoch-making man and bring him the full measure of the appreciation he so richly merits. I have met others, too, who possess remarkable mental and moral force. My impression of the colored people on the whole has been eminently favorable. If your readers will supply me with the necessary material, I shall be in a position to put their case prominently before the world. I am eager to get on to Hampton, the place that gave Booker T. Washington his basic training, and Tuskegee, the achievement that has made him international fame."

SPARTANSBURG, S. C.

Special to The Freeman.

The Freeman can be found at Freeman's big shoe repair factory every Saturday....Spartansburg boys have gotten together some of the best talent that can be found among the race, and are playing through the Carolinas. The show is known as the Thompson Colored Players. They have with them T. M. Wright, one of the best trick cyclists in the world. He has the advantage of most cyclists, because he is a machinist and makes all his trick wheels.... The Freeman is the talk of the town. ....The leading barber shop of Bub Smith and Frank Spearman take it.

HOT SPRINGS, ARK.

Mr. A. H. James, of Yazoo City, who has been in Hot Springs for three months for his health, is improving, also his friend, Mr. W. M. Jones, of Detroit, Mich., is here for the season....The manager of the St. Louis Giants is here securing new ball players for next season......Jack Johnson's brother left this week to spend Christmas with his family at Chicago.

SHIFFIELD, ALA.

The Emancipation Proclamation celebration, Monday, January 2, 1911, at the First Baptist church, from 2:30 to 7:30 p. m. Everybody is cordially invited.... Mr. George Pullom, of Memphis, is in the city visiting his daughter, Mrs. Ella Carter,...Mr. Charles Wallace left Monday for Decatur, where he will be married to Miss Emma Winn....Mrs. Ella Carter and Mrs. Carrie Anderson spent a few days in Memphis last week....Mr. James Jones lost his infant child last Saturday.

Majors' Melange.

Written by Dr. M. A. Major, of Chicago. Ill.

The Negro is dressing himself to death, while the peasant foreigners are flocking to this country, pre-empting land far away from the railroad lines, knowing full well that ere long when the settlements are thickly populated, railroads must build to them to market their produce. These foreigners soon become the land barons of hundreds of sections throughout the great West. In a few years they take on all the forms of civilized Americans, build cities and become great merchants; and when they come to the city the American Negro, whose occupation is to black boots, and wait on tables to make money with which to dress his foolself to death, has to suffer the flings of his own outrage, by lack of judgment and forever self-condemning as a hirling.

Strange indeed that the Negro can not look far enough into the future to see his own possibilities, when effort well directed has done so much for the peasant classes of Europe who swarm into this country. Of course there is some excuse. The same old excuse worn threadbare since his coming into citizenship. He is so race conscious that he himself fails to take himself seriously, life seriously, or anything seriously but his color.

The Negro must take himself back to the farm; the city can get along fairly well without him. Will he do this? Will he, acting upon "the call of the wild," listen to the kind entreaties of the forests; go where nature will give him reward in ten-fold ratio for his seeming sacrifice? Can he retrace his steps, considering that the failure that stares him in the face is the result of his easy satisfaction and foolish imitation of the rich and cultured?

The Negro emerged from slavery a servant it is true, but that should not condemn him to a life of servitude, but rather should it furnish strong incentive to strive for a nobler ideal.

The great social problems of today are merging with the conditions that bring wealth or poverty. About these great problems bristle imputations of greed or willingness to slave for the mere idea of existence.

"Life is real, life is earnest." The Negro on the farm is making hay while the sun shines. The fifty or sixty banks controlled by the Negro are fortified by the Negro farmers. Recently eighty thousand white farmers have left the United States and gone into the snowy forests of Canada, restless and determined to get wealth out of the soil. Moderate getting along would not suffice. Life mean very much to the Caucassian, and he will stop at nothing until nature pays him in large bountiful yields of grain. Hence wealth. All Alaska is teeming with emigrants, seeking wealth. Mining, blasting through the ice in mad determination to find gold, silver and copper is going on. Thousands have died on the way in rapturous prospect of a luck find—shivering, freezing, dying—lusting for hidden treasure, risking life, lost in the glaciers and avalanches of snow in search for riches, while the American Negro is freezing over a redhot stove, anxiously obeying the tricky mandates of inertia, as if he was tied to a tree. He is indeed tied to a tradition that makes men of effort and constructive power master over him, as truly as if he yet arose at five in the morning, marched at the orders of the labor boss, trudging out a long, weary insignificant, trifling existence.

City life is condemning the race to all forms of diseases to which the white man is heir, and were never known among the Negroes a century ago. Tuberculosis has laid her civilized fingers, cold with the moisture and claminess of death, upon hundreds of thousands of the race, unused and not innured to sedenitary life.

The city has pointed with its immoral finger to the graveyards of racial hopes. The city teeming with its power of inviting loveliness, and is buet a great wicked ocean mirage, tempting the race on to racial destruction.

The gaudy glass of fortune only strikes the vurgar eye, the praise that is worth ambition is attained by sense alone, and dignity of mand. The Negro in his condemned life of poverty dresses as if to insult the rich and mighty, but poverty stricken fool that he is, blasphemes decency, abuses all that is sensible, and outrages his own parterity, condemning the children of his own blood to lives of misery and woe, struggling to make people believe he is comfortable in life when he is cramping to death from the horrors of self-condemnation, the laughing, easily satisfied joker of all the ages since Adam.

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It is an old, true maxim that "an idle mind is the devil's worshop." There is some reason in the above to conclude that the idler must be the devil himself. People of staid and settled notions know that it is dangerous to have nothing useful to do. Innocent and helpless unsuspecting commit follies they would not think of if only they had been kept busy. "Idleness leads to vice." Strange is it not? Why should it not lead to goodness? Let us see; we are as individuals so hedged about with evil, and beseiged on every hand from without as within that the human inclination is frail and too weak a staff to lean upon. Temptation to do wrong is stronger than heart promptings to do right. Opposing forces of conscience seldom, if ever, hardly can manage to overcome the invitation of the occular senses, and therefore we become carried away by the visual, rather than held in check by the sensible.

Of course for those in whom every right principle has been deeply grafted the monarch of courageous right thinking, acting and speaking rules even on his throne. This is what we call true culture, but true culture is indeed a vtry rare article among the masses.

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The Tuskgegee idea is gaining ground in every part of the civilized world. All freely admit that it is better for those who have the time and means to avail themselves with every classical degree among scholars. But a man who is neither ambitious along professional lines or civil engineering (too many by far lacking capacity already have attempted it) will find the trades school with its academic foundation quite sufficient for any purpose. It is strange indeed that those who accomplish the most in winning their way in accumulation of lands, homes and bank holdings did it with only the crudest learning. Thousands of the most advanced ages are unable to read or write, and yet these frugal common-sense, commonplace, successful Negroes have provided a way for their sons and their daughters to reach the highest scholarships in the best colloges of America. The Booker T. Washington idea is sufficient for ninety-eight per cent. of the race, while the Dubois idea is only fit for the two per cent. of the race; and this two per cent is dependent for patronage on the ninety-eight per cent.

The question might be asked, which is the better, that which provides life and maintenance for the entire race, or that which makes a dependent element of two per cent., who must get all that life offers them from the ninety-eight per cent? Nobody protests against the youth of ambition and aspiration. eLt him work his way to the stars, but how about the plodding youth whose hands are better to work with than his brains; and he is innumerable?

Argument has long ceased; it has been decided that he who builds a house or runs an engine is as needful in our body social as the brain discoverer who makes men think by merely turning the crank of his phenominal brain.

It is said that a scholar shipwrecked and stranded on a rock would starve to death commencing with the stars he could call by name, but a mechanic would chisel himself a mansion out of that rock, plant a garden or build himself a ship.

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We are living the age of mechanics and inventive genius. Note the revelation of the automobile, the aeroplane, the dirigible ballooon, the motorcycle; and what is now on the way, the autoplow, the autoreaper, autothresher and autocultivator. Look into the near future at human transportation above the clouds. This is all marvelous, but it is the dream of the mechanic realized. Not the project thought out of the great world brain wonders.

Now if this is the age of machinery, which is revolutionizing the civilized world, it is indeed sensible to encourage the youth of the race to study mechanics, else how can the Negro ever hope to keep in the procession of the world's progress if he has only the ability to wonder at the marvelous construction of power-making machinery, mines the prowess and inventive genius which is multiplying the wealth of other races by leaps and bounds. The "intellectuals," as Dr. Washington calls them, are straying farther and farther away from from the practical truths of the universe and demonstrating with each passing day their absolute ignorance in dealing with the practical things of life.

The automobile business of America alone reaches the billion-dollar mark. The fitting up machinery of myriads of small factories cannot supply the great demand. The iron and brass workers and the forgers of iron and the woodworkmen are working overtime at huge compensation; and as it appears, the "intellectuals" would protest against the Negro becoming expert in mechanics, so that he may receive union prices, which are far above living wages. They seem to offer no complaint against the scholar with nothing else to do but barber and black the white man's boots and wait on tables in some third-rate hotel.

Ere long the Negro machinist will be making automobiles, operating small fitting-up factories, building aeroplanes and motorcycles. It is only but natural in the great march of progress that the Negro mechanics should do this. Let the Negro accomplish that which will give him a surer, safer and saner existence, and the brain wonders will find a better market for the best thought they can produce.

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The "Big Nigger" is not very much of a race asset. Whenever he gets so big that he gets lonesome when out of the company of the fourth-rate white man, and finds Negroes uninteresting in anything, he has just about outlived his days of usefulness; and the sooner he dies the better it will be for the race. This all applies to that class of men and women who are able to pass muster and be white when among white people, and who try to lead Negro society among their own race.

The Negro is not what ne ought to be, parading under the disguise which accident has wroght. Every Negro should be dark of complexion, that they are not should be regarded in the light of decency and honorable birth—their misfortune, if not their fault. The horrible taint fixed in the blood by some licivious scoundrel should be thought of as some kind of infamy, and not regarded as a blessing. Race standards and race ideals are ever to be sustained. The big Negro studies French, Spanish, German and other languages in order that he may be taken for white; that is all very well. It would be creditable indeed if all of them should do this, that the Negro could be freed of some such obliquy. Then their moral turpitude would not be charged up to the colored man.

The load which we, as a race of people, have to carry is heavy enough at best; yet when the sins of the white father are visited upon his half-white children unto the third and fourth generation, it would seem like adding insult to injury to accept the uncanny race morsel without a protest.

While treating this subject with a pointed history, we might as well add this to remind the African M. E. church and African M. E. Zion general conference that it is an infamous curse put upon the Negro to elect Negroes to the bench of bishops, who are frequently taken for white men, and who draw the color line on black preachers. Such has been the case and is now; but these churches should see to it that it may never happen again.

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It is all right to follows the teachings of a higher civilization, but it is well to be positively certain that the higher civilization teachers are not fakirs. Meanwhile the followeds should strive to find some positive goodness in themselves to add to the sum total. He who lives a clean life pays his debts, keeps his mouth and tongue free from the sloshy gossip that injures his neighbors, tells the truth, and lives up squarely to the Golden Rule is doing about all that can reasonably be requested on this mundane sphere.

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The Negro can ill afford to copy after the general trend of immorality of those who choose to call themselves the superior race. Hell will be no hotter to the Negro than to the white hace in the other world, but it will be several degrees hotter for him in this one. Public sentiment and opinion are wholly in the hands of the white race, and this dispenser of charms is very frail when it chooses to give out blessings, where curses will satisfy a better purpose for those deeply concerned.

JACKSON, TENN.

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Dr. W. D. Holder, Jackson's leading dentist. Polite and courteous treatment to all is his motto....Mr. Curtis Frye, of St. Louis, Mo., is in the city after eight years absence. Friends all glad to see him....Miss Louella Hicks is going to spend the Xmas holidays in Humboldt, Tenn., among friends....Miss Rosa Lee Cartright is spending the holidays in Cairo, Ill, the guest of Mrs. Geo. Knight. ....Mr. Neal Prather is confined again to his bed and is very bad....Quite a large number of people left the city to attend the conference at Memphis.... Napiers' pool room is still doing fine business....Mr. Geo. A. Reed left the city December 8 to bring back with him a wife from Little Rock, Ark. The Freeman wishes him much joy....Mr. Lloyd Warner and Miss Lillian Butler were united in maritmony....Mrs. Martha Sikes was buried Monday....North Jackson certainly has some classy young ladies, the swellest in the city....C. J. Reid has moved his pool room across the street from his old stand. It is a much better place and more convenient....Ab Ellerson, the barber, certainly is a polite little fellow here of late. What's the trouble with you, Abe?...Miss Eliza Freeling is still wearing those cute smiles at the People's Drug Store....Miss Shellie Clarke is able to be out again after a severe cold, and we are glad to hear her voice again in the choir....The People's Drug Store will move to their new building, 217 College street....Walter J. Reid and Johnnie Edwards sends best wishes and Merry Christmas to Essie Williams, Hazel Kinney, Emma Foster and the Browns....Lots of girls lose their beaus now. Oh, yes, near Christmas....Miss Ida Mosley, of this city, certainly is one swell little lady....Miss C. G. P. and Miss L. M. is some close friends. Glad to seeyou all so....Mr. G. W. Fitzgerald still barbers at the same old place and has not lost a pound....Music furnished for all occasions all the time, Edwards and Freeman Orchestra, headquarters C. J. Reid's Pool Room....All the performers can be found at around on College street at C. J. Reid's place. Also Walter J. Reid is there in the way with The Freeman....If you wanted to hear all the latest news and your business and everybody else's business attended to, visit the barber shops and places where the colored people visit, and can get a hot stove to sit by. There you are....W. S. Brown and W. J. Reid, the old reliable show men, expect to open a 5 cent arcade....Mr. A. C. Cain, one of Jackson's prominent business men, is on the sick list, but is improving....Mr. Frank Jackson, of the Smart Set, stopped over with Reid and Edwards while playing here.... C. C. Stuart has a fine colored market. Fresh meats of all kinds....Mr. Ace Webb is in the city again.

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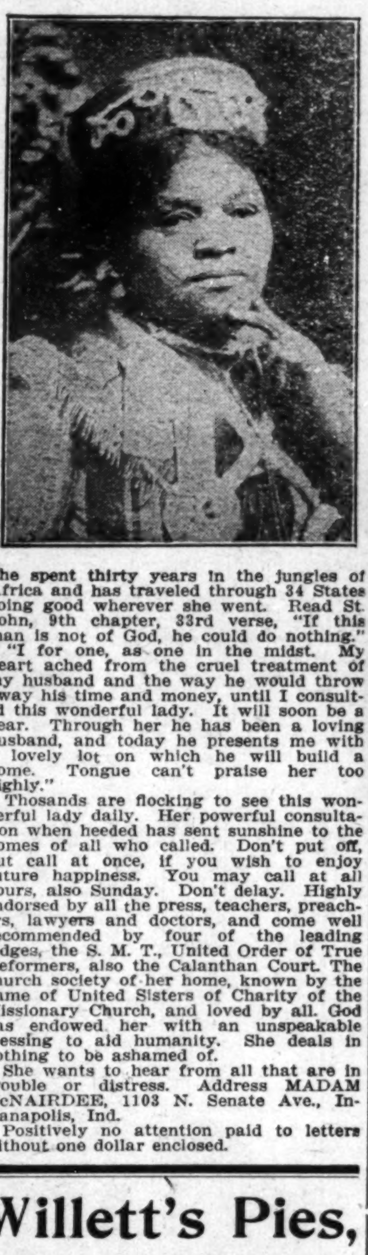

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By Sylvester Russell.

The greatest ball of modern times, the Ball de Canter, the railroad men's ball of Chicago and everywhere, took place at the Coliseum Annex Thursday evening, December 15, 1910, and a good merry social crowd assembled to do honor to the occasion and dance to the floating music of Garfield Wilson's orchestra. The hall was nicely set out with potted plants and small tables for refreshments were placed at one side of the center and were also plentifully arranged in the upper gallery observatory. Flowers, chewing gum and other dainties were sold to please the ladies, by the courtesy of Guy L. Brown, and his is a mission worthy of great credit and generous patronage. The waiters were a very polite set of fellows and the wine-room service denoted a sign of progress.

There were no itresome people present, as is generally the rule at the lower grade of balls, but the dusky secret service, the finest in Chicago, and the newspaper mongers were all there to see to it that no defective flue would set the house on fire without receiving prompt attention.

The program giving the order of dances was an elaborate affair, with buff marroon covers and inscribed, "The Dance and Its Merrymakers," introducing "The National Association of Colored Railway Men." The program, which was lengthy, had for its guiding star themes that were appropriate to the momentous proportions of the occasion. The grand carnation was led off by Mr. Julius N. Avendorph and Miss Jennie Stokes. The C., B. & Q. R. R. waltz came next and was followed by the New York Central Kidnappers' two-step. Then came the waltz of the Santa Fe, the bulldogs of the railroad. The L. S. & M. S. were fast chaps in a two-step, followed by the Northwestern Heartbreakers' waltz and the waltz of the Pennsylvania Railroad Wine Buyers. The Rock Island R. R. presented a two-step by the bulls and bears of State street, followed by the waltz of the Wabash Railroad, the High Livers. The Pullman Porters, the conquerors of them all, also had a waltz.. After being hurried by the Chicago & Alton two-step, the Illinois Centrals bet 100 to 1 they would win—and still the dance went on. The Canadian Pacific Lovers' waltz, the Big Four Big Boys of Pleasure two-step and the Bad Boys of the Erie Railroad led us into a five-minute intermission.

Then came the waltz of the Candy Kids of the Great Western Railroad, and the Baltimore & Ohio boys, who never sleep, proceeded with a two-step. The Niclek-Plate Railroad waltz was next, and then the scene shifted.

Two waltzes and a two-step were dedicated to the business men, lawyers and doctors. The Actors' waltz made S. H. Dudley's Smart Set people rush to the floor. Then the barbers had a two-step, which caused a young female student to remark, "Why, that ain't the barber shop chord at all," but the orchestra did not hear her. The last of all was the chauffeurs waltz, a most dangerous dance, and this brought the program to a close.

Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Thomas, Mrs. Dooley, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sims, Mrs. J. Lehman, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Sweatman, William Ramsey, Mrs. Neil Franklin, Mrs. Crump, Mrs. Hill, Misses Emma and Mabel Griffin, Miss Jennie Hillman, Mrs. Breeder, Miss Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. Julian Joseph, Mr. and Mrs. James Russell, Alex Isabell, Mrs. Anna Math Leath, Mr. L. Brewer of Highland Park; Mr. and Mrs. W. C. J. Jewel, Mr. and Mrs. A. Stewart, Mrs. Lindsey, George McClain, Will Grundy, Blaine White, J. W. Echols, J. W. Anderson, Miss Hastings, Miss M. Cax, Woolen Jay, Mrs. Garnett, Mrs. Marlowe, J. P. Dutton, C. Scott, Anna Held, Percy M. Bridge, Miss Julia Marlowe, William Stephens, Harry S. Johnson, Mrs. W. H. Robinson, J. D. Rue, G. W. Thompson, James Moore, Stella Douglass, Mr. and Mrs. J. Arthur Robinson, Miss S. Foss, Miss Hattie Edwards, Miss Nellie Carroll, C. A. Smith, D. Wood, G. Wood, Miss F. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Miller, Mrs. Jennie Scott, Peter S. Jones, the wizard photographer; Mrs. E. Boyle, Miss Fannie Calloway, Johnnie Butt, Jay Chavis, Harry Watson, Bennie Wilson, W. H. Hackley, the noted tenor; Matt Johnson, Miss Florence Shepard, Mrs. C. W. Harris, Samuel Wright, W. Lawson, Edward Taylor, Miss Lizzie Pate, Thomas Adams, Miss Sweetie Watson, Miss Meade Lewis, Mrs. De Horney, Miss V. Johnson, of New York; C. Searey, W. H. Chambers, Mrs. N. Gilmore, Mrs. M. Lee, Miss Josie Davis, John Beal, Chas. Simms, Hon. Edward H. Wright and Alex Stephens were among the prominent spectators.

Mr. Frank P. George, formerly a Thespian student of Shakespearian aptitude, manager of the ball, floor manager and everything else rolled up into one, took the floor at intermission and announced that Miss Jennie Stokes had won the first prize, a diamond ring, for selling the alrgest number of tickets. Everybody pointed at her.

Mr. George, who is of a pleasing personality and has much business ability, is deserving of great credit. He certainly has established his managerial worth for the future.

Garfield Wilson's orchestra was in excellent form and the music was lively. The orchestra was composed of the following: Garfield Wilson and Charles Elgar, violinists; A. Stewart, cornet; E. Williams, saxaphone; V. Biggs, claironet; W. J. Wesley, flute; A. A. Smith, trombone; G. Oliver, bass; A. James, drums, and W. J. Brown, Jr.

Those who composed the executive staff were: Thomas Owens, Frank H. Hamilton, Frank Day, Frank Brown, Frank Mark, J. W. Arendorph, Ed. Shankland, Art Bishop, Frank Young, Ellis Morgan, Roy Redall, Will Bishop, Floyd Moore, J. C. Pegg, Wesley D. Turner, Robert Crump, Norman Pearson, Percy Briggs, "Dude" Morris, William Crump, Gentry Murray, William Patterson, Hunter Newsome, Ed. Clayborn, Walter Perry, Anderson Browdie, Henry Cole, Alonzo Malone, Arthur Robinson, Bert Henry, Samuel Fielding, Dan Wallace, Emmett Fitzgerald, Ike Wilson, Nick Jefferson, James Allen, Charles Lett, R. H. Payne, Ed. Idam, W. Joe Shoccraft, Walter Harris, R. M. Robinson and J. F. Bolling.

LIMA, O.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mr. Ravala Adams, of Lima, O., is taking a musical course at Ziegfield Musical College of Chicago, and passed an examination for the first ten weeks with an excellent average....On Monday evening, December 12, at the home of the bride, accurred the marriage of Miss Emma Byrd and Mr. James Hicks, the Rev. G. Jordan officiating. The guests were relatives and most intimate friends. A number of useful present were received....W. Arthur Carter, attorney, of Cincinnati, will be the guest of Mr. J. D. Morin, of South Jackson street, on Monday evening. Mr. Carter will attend the men's meeting at the A. M. Church, at which time he may hold an interview with the Afro-Americans of Lima....Dr. S. S. Bailey, Lima's most prominent Afro-American physician, addressed a large body of men Monday evening, December 10, the subject being "The Production of Negro Brain and the Survival of the Fittest." Free admission and a free lunch was served by the Allen Busy Brotherhood. The decture was very interest and instructive....The Ladies Bapitist Church Aid Society gave their musical concert and bazaar at the old City Hall on last Thursday evening, December 22. There was a large attendance and an excellent program....The A. M. E. S. S. rendered an interesting program for Christmas Friday evening, December 23....On next Sunday evening Mrs. Jordan and her choir will give an elaborate song service, the program not being announced....The A. M. E. Church choir will give their first musicale Monday evening, January 2.... Rev. J. A. Collins, of Piqua, was in the city a week ago Monday....Mr. John Feilding, of Cincinnati, was in the city a week ago Monday....Mr. John Hunter Lima's most prominent commission merchant, has gone to his home in Cincinnati to spend the holidays....A most interesting program has been arranged by the Baptist Sunday school, to be rendered on Christmas Eve., December 24. All are invited to attend. No admission....Notice. Arthur G. C. McArnold will appreciate any courtesies extended towards him by the way of news or subscriptions for The Freeman. Order papers by phone, Bell 1247; No. 1230 W. Wayne street.... John R. Thomas, on last Tuesday, December 13, was awarded damages to the amount of $1,655 and interest by the supreme court of Ohio, same to be paid by the Western Ohio railway company. The case is an old one, the principal petition having been filed in November, 1907, Hughes and Hughes acting for the plaintive, and Richie and Richie for the defendant company. Thomas claimed that while working on the farm of the Lima Packing Company he was driving near the fence close by the roadbed. He stumbled and laid his hand on the fence, which was charged with electricity. Several fingers were burned to the bone and the muscles and ligement stiffened, and it was necessary for another man to pull him from the fence. It was found that the company had a broken wire, which hung down against the wire fence which acted as a conductor of the electric current so that when Thomas touched it he at once became a conductor also, it passing through him into the ground. The original petition asked for $5,000 damages, and in June of 1908 the plaintive was awarded the damages to the amount given above. The case was apepaled to the circuit court, which in June, 1909, affirmed the decision of the lower court, and the final appeal was made to the supreme court with the result that it sustained the decision of the lower bodies.

PENSACOLA, FLA.

By Walker W. Thomas.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Thomas and Miss Cora L. Thomas delightfully entertained at their beautiful home at Morro Castle last Friday night, December 19. The house was tastefully decorated in green and white. After supper, which was prepared by Mr. William Jordan, the evening was pleasantly spent in games and dancing. A very enjoyable time was spent by all present, among whom were the following: Miss G. Burton, Miss R. L. Dorsey, Miss I. Sheldon, Misses Anita, Lena and Dora Patterson, Misses Nora and Stella Johnson, Miss E. Allen, Miss C. L. Thomas, Mrs. M. Burton, Mrs. L. Harris, Mrs. L. Bradley, Mrs. J. Huff, Mrs. L. Brown, Mrs. R. Jordan, Mr. Brooks, of St. Louis, Mo.; Mr. P. H. Morris, Mr. L. Angle, Mr. Gus Edwards, Mr. C. P. F. Jackson, of Jersey City, N. J.; Mr. R. Smith, Mr. J. Palmer, Mr. E. Spencer, pianist; Mr. W. W. Thomas, Mr. J. Ellis, of New York; Mr. D. Hird, of Chicago, Ill.; Mr. E. O. Lee, Mr. S. Bean, Mr. H. Preston, Mr. C. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. J. Thomas, of Lexington, Ky.; Mrs. F. Sawyer, Mrs. D. Carter, Mrs. B. E. Smith, of Springfield, O.; Mr. and Mrs. E. Brown, of Louisville, Ky.; Mr. and Mrs. J. Abner, Mr. and Mrs. W. Norris, Mr. and Mrs. J. Graham, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. H. Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. W. Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. M. Thomas, Mr. Walter Thomas, Mr. C. H. Allen, Mr. B. Caffey, Miss F. Petitt, of Alabama, Miss W. King, Miss L. Huff, Mr. L. Claiborne and Mr. Garfield Ryander....Mr. Benjamin Gibson, of 1017 North Seventh avenue, died Saturday, December 10, and was buried on Sunday. Many friends attended the funrela services....Mr. Benjamin Dolphin, of Warrington, Fla., has opened a first-class cafe in that city. His many friends wish his success.... Messrs. William Call and Russell Robinson have returned aft a successful hunting trip....John Ellis, of New York City, is in the city and is stopping at the home of Mrs. L. Bradley on North K street. Mr. and Mrs. William Miller, of Washington, D. C., are here for the winter and have gone to housekeeping on West Wagner street. Mr. and Mrs. Miller have made quite a number of friends here....Mr. Richard Garnet, one of Pensacola's best barberbers, who has been on the sick list, is able to be out....Mrs. Ellen Williams, of North Coyle street, has been on the sick list for the past few weeks. It is hoped by her many friends that her recovery will be rapid.... Mrs. George Clayton, of West Jackson street, returned home last week from Montgomery, Ala., where she went to attend the funerad of her brother, Mr. Dennis Louden, Sr. The deceased was the father of Dennis Louden, Jr., of this city....Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Weeks are now located on North Gilmaird street....Mr. Richard Douglas, proprietor of a cafe in this city, has been on the sick list....Miss Nora Johnson, of West Belmont street, after an illness of a few days is able to be out again....Mr. Henry Mingo has returned home after a visit of a few months in Mobile and other cities.... Mr. John Boley was injured last week. It is hoped by his many friends that his injuries will not prove to be of a serious nature....Mrs. Handy Smith, of North K street, died last week after a prolonged illness. Her death was a great shock to her many friends here. Burial was made at Montgomery, Ala. ....Mr. and Mrs. James Thomas, of Lexington, Ky., will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Thomas for a few weeks at Morrow Castle....Mr. John Holmes, of West Gregory street, is on the sick list....Mrs. Williams, of East Belmont street, who has been on the sick list, has recovered....Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Pons are located on West Gregory street....Miss Annie Johnson, of Harbor View, was visiting friends in this city last week....Rev. C. M. Lang, connected with the Alabama district, was recently appointed postor of Big Zion Church by Bishop G. W. Alstark....The scholars of the public school at Big Bayou, of which Miss Gertrude Berton is the teacher, are reported to be doing fine work this term. That is good for the Big Bayou school....The Sunday School class of Big Zion Church rendered an interesting program at the church last Monday night. Miss Eloise Allen had charge of the program committee. Rev. C. M. Lang is the pastor and Mr. W. H. Campbell is superintendent of the Sunday School....Mr. E. Brown, of Lexington, Ky., is in the city for a visit of a few weeks....Mr. Samuel Adams will leave in a few days for the North. ....Mr. Andrew Miller, who has been on the sick list for the past week, is able to be out again...."At Triangle Ranch," a drama which will be produced by the scholars of public school No. 31, will be given in January for the benefit of the Boys Scouts movement. Arrangements are being made to make the production one of the grandest of the season....Mr. Levold Colbett is ill at the home of his mother, Mrs. A. Porter, on North D street. His many friends hope for his early recovery.... Miss Emma Williams has returned to her home on North Coyle street....Mr. G. Brown is spending the holidays in Montgomery, Ala....Messrs. Garfield Ryandle and Robert Wharthone are spending the holidays in Birmingham, Ala....Mr. James Frederick is on the sick list....The Boy Scouts, an organization which was recently formed by Dr. S. W. Jefferson, is reported to be making splendid progress. There are six patrols, averaging from 17 to 18 to a patrol. The organiation has an enrollment of 150 boys. Mr. Clayton Allen and Prof. Kersey are very much interested in this movement and have hopes of meeting with great success.

Mr. and Mrs. John Graham entertained at supper Thursday evening at their home on North G street. A large number of guests were present and a delightful time was enjoyed by all present.

Mr. A. C. Sawyer is spending the holidays in Birmingham, Ala.

Mrs. McCall, of East Laura street, is on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. James Woods are the proud parents of a baby girl, who arrived last week.

DECATUR, ILL., NOTES.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The Sunday school of St. Peters will have a beautiful program for Christmas Eve. Among them will be the living pictures, the Queen of the South visiting Solomon, Queen Vesti appearing before the king on behalf of her people. Papers and addresses are being prepared for the occasion. It will be well worth your coming....Mrs. Mollie Metolock entertained the sewing circle of the Antioch Baptist Church Wednesday at a birthday party. They met Friday at Mrs. Andrew's home on St. Louis avenue. A three-course luncheon was served....Mrs. Williams, formerly of Decatur, who moved to Metropolis and from there to Paducah, Ky., about seven or eight years ago, died last Saturday. Her remains were shipped back t oDecatur and her funeral took place from St. Peters A. M. E. Church....Mr. L. Young, of Mechanicsburg, is here visiting his sister, Mrs. Willis Pryor....Mr. and Mrs. Willis Pryor expects to go to Columbia, Mo., and spend Xmas....Mrs. James Thompson was called to Paducah, Ky., on account of the serious illness of her father....Mr. and Mrs. Will Love and Francis Rogan, of Macon, Ill., spent last Sunday with Mr. A. D. Cecil and family....Miss Febbie Clanton, who was bitten by a dog last week, is much improved....Mrs. A. L. Nickens, of West Decatur street, is expecting visitors from Alton, Ill., during Christmas week.... Mrs. Mammie Moore, of this city, was called to Birmingham, Ala., on account of the death of her mother....Mrs. Jose Brummell, of 149 E. Main street, has been somewhat indisposed for a few days.... The Antioch Baptist have had seven Sundays of rally which will end next Sunday. Each deacon was given a Sunday to raise money, the one raising the largest amount will be given a prize....The Peerless Improvement of the Baptist Church will give a 'possum supper sometime during the holidays....The Antioch Baptist Sunday school will have a Christmas tree Monday night.

BISHOP ALEXANDER WALTERS ON THE RECENT ELECTION

Extract of an Address Before the North Carolina Conference, A. M. E. Zion Church.

The Congress of 1909 met and enacted a new tariff measure known as the Payne-Aldrich tariff bill.; a few schedules were lowered, but the measure as a whole was about as high as the Dingley tariff bill. Instead of clothing and food being cheaper, prices continued to soar higher and upward; this created widespread dissatisfaction with the Republican party; people believed that they had been buncoed.

Another cause which contributed to the defeat of the Republican party was the Negro policy of the administration. The President declared in his inaugural address that he would not give appointments to Negroes in the South where there was serious objection on the part of the Southern white people; his removal from office of a large number of Negro federal officeholders intensified the feeling against the President and alienated a large part of the Negro vote from the Republican party.

Another cause which contributed to the crushing defeat of the Republican party was the dismissal by President Roosevelt of the colored soldiers without a fair and impartial trial. Up to this hour no positive evidence has been produced to prove that the colored soldiers shot up Brownsville. This affair gave many of the erstwhile enthusiastic colored Republicans the cold feet.

A division in the ranks of the Republican Congressmen over the Payne-Aldrich tariff bill and the oposition of some of the Republican members of the lower house to Speaker Cannon were potent causes that contributed to the overwhelming defeat of the grand old party. Another cause was a widespread belief on the part of a great many that the ex-President was endeavoring to make himself a dictator; they were determined to check him in his ambitions. The people were tired of Roosevelt and Rooseveltism and were anxious for an opoprtunity to defeat both him and his new nationalism. Disaffected white and black people alike but waited an opportunity to avenge themselves upon the ex-President, the President and his party for their perfidy; this opportunity came on the 8th of November, 1910, and right well did they use it.

Will Republicans Profit by Rebuke?

The Republican party needs to get back to its original principles, especially the principle of human rights. Of late, the party has subordinated human rights to material gain, and all you can hear nowdays is "to get money and look to the peace of the South in order to protect invested capital." Any peace given the South at the expense of the political rights of the black man is at the expense of the Republican party and is a false peace, peace without honor and justice and therefore cannot be permanent. Since the Negro is a citizen and a taxpayer, he should be allowed the same rights as any other citizen.

South Should Live to Legislative Enactments.

Since several states of the South have passed constitutional amendments requiring their citizens, especially their colored citizens, to meet certain educational and property qualifications in order to register and vote, I think the honor and the chivalry of the South, saying nothing of the justice of the matter, should induce it to allow every Negro who is prepared to meet the prescribed tests to register and to vote unmolested and whenever and wherever the Negro can consistenly do so, retaining his self respect, he should divide his vote. It is our duty, our bounden duty, to force open political doors and secure our share of the spoils.

MOBILE (ALA.) DOTS.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Miss Ethel Williamson, of Knoxville College, Knoxville, Tenn., is in the city spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Lillie B. Williamson.... The closing year will bring to many of us sorrow and regret; while to others it will bring joy for the accomplishments of the year 1910....The Negro enterprises of the city, according to reports from various branches, have done fairly well; nevertheless, there should be more fireside training for race loyalty and support, to give the different enterprises chance to employ, in the future, boys and girls who are being moulded into strong men and women each year in our various schools and colleges....Hoping that the reading of our valuable paper, The Freeman, will be an incentive of the good things that the Negroes are doing in the United States and "boosting" will be the slogan of our enterprises, we predict a great advance of the race in the coming year....Mr. Charles Bell, of Wolf's Heights, has gone to St. Louis on business....Miss Jaunita Wilson, of Tuskegee Institute, is spending the holidays with her parents....Hon. C. First Johnson will deliver an address at the dedicatory services of the 16th Street Baptist church, Birmingham, Ala., of which Dr. C. L. Fisher is pastor....Dr. Wood Hobbs, an eminent dentist of Chicago, will spend the holidays in this city as the guest of his parents....It is to be regretted that Ben-Hur, the classical drama of General Lew Wallace, could not have been witnessed by our people. Its being a historical play, founded on much Biblieal history, no doubt would have given the student a clearer conception of the Nazarene. It is to be hoped that in the near future such plays will be of better advantage to the colored people....C. M. Wilkerson, the popular agent of The Freeman, extends to the patrons of that paper a Merry Christmas. The Freeman can be found at the Gulf City drug store every Saturday.

INTERESTING ITEMS FROM ADDYSTON, OHIO.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Dudley Berry received the news Friday evening of the death of his son-in-law, Mike Utz, of Ottowa, Ky....Rev. Frank Lucas arrived in the village Monday from Louisville, Ky., to be the guest of relatives and friends for a few days. ....A "sock" social will be given Saturday evening by the members of the Baptist Church, at the S. H. Pilolw Hall. ....A. Sacks has received one thousand pairs of soldier shoes and they will be on sale Saturday....Miss Nellie Gladys Rockwell was entertained Saturday evening with a delightful birthday party. Many guests were present. A fine lunch was prepared and many presents were received....Your last chance to prepare for the holiday number..... Dr. Banks, father of Charlie Banks, and Rev. E. J. Merea, of Cedarville, O., were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Banks, Sunday....Mrs. S. H. Pillow was the guest of her cousin. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Brown. in the city, Sunday.... Mrs. M. L. Fitzpatrick and son, Stanley R., were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Springfield, in Springfield, O., for the past few days....Mrs. M. J. Brannon visited William Underwood at Delhi, Sunday. Mr. Underwood is not expected to live....Rev. E. J. McCrea, of Cedarville, O., preached at the Baptist Church Sunday....Mr. and Mrs. John Grubbs are the happy parents of a fine baby girl. ....Don't forget the Christmas number. Order to-day....J. P. Churchill, formerly of the vaudeville team of Brooks and Churchill, will spend the holidays with friends at Louisville, Ky....Mrs. Edna Gaines arrived home Sunday from Indianapolis, on account of the illness of her niece, Ruth Williams, who is very low at this writing....The Dunbar News Agency doors are still ajar for subscriptions....The motion picture show is meeting with much success. Manager Kebler has been ill, but is able to be at business....Mr. Edward Baldock, of Cleves, O., was in town Saturday, and secured a copy of The Freeman.

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SATURDAY, DEC. 31, 1910.

Something different is promised W. H. Lewis, of Boston, to what he expected; will be just as good. It reminds one of buying cigars when your favorite brand is just out.

Rev. Dr. J. W. Wood of the A. M. E. Zion church, now stationed at Mobile, Ala., will leave for Africa, January 17. He will take in many points with Liberia as his great objective. On his return he will visit points of interest in Europe. His church will look after his family in a handsome manner in his absence, paying $100 per month.

New Year's day is yet the spiritual altar of the world and to which all come as of one accord and offer up something to be burned. Not as in Biblical days when the firstlings of the flocks, the fields, the fruits, were only acceptable, the unblemished, the purest; but dross, sin and the things that so easily beset us as St. Paul would have it.

Now come on, New Year's day, with your many resolves, iron-clad and otherwise, but resolutions nevertheless, and which will do good albeit some will as ropes of sand. The good set in motion by those unbroken may be very far-reaching. The wicked man that plots destruction, the gambler that wastes his substance to the detriment of his home, the drunkard, the outlaw to civilization whoever he may be, or wherever he is will at least pause; turn as the good Musselman to Mecca or Medina, with some thought of God and good in his mind. If one is restored to his own, will he be less than the Prodigal Son?

A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

We again wish our many patrons and friends a Happy New Year—the year of Our Lord 1911.

The race ushers into the New Year none too buoyant in step but extremely hopeful. This has in mind its activities, especially when in relation to the surrounding people.

That there has been advancement of a kind goes without saying, but whether it has been wholly along the better lines is the question.

It is to be noted, and with some alarm, that a spirit of freedom obtains in the race that fairly approaches abandon—a phase of indifference or independence, and which really needs analysis to determine. If it means independence in the sense of doing the best for self and race at any cost, excepting dishonor, it is a most excellent sign. Is there method in it? Direction? If the new Negroes are standing up fr Negroes, hoping to win respect as such, the position is well taken and the slogan may be understood as a silent force of the creed that says do or die in the attempt.

But it may be that this phase is not independence of the preferred sort, but rather a thing of indifference with its entail of hopelessness. It is yet too early to classify certainly just what are the premises. It is to be hoped, however, that the sloth of indifference is not affixed on the young, the hope of the race, and that riotous living and extravagance is not to rule instead of the sobering virtues that make for civilization.

As a matter of fact strict civil rights there has not been but very little advance, if any at all. We see no signs of relenting. Seggregating of Negroes in cities, thus discounting their material wealth, is not very assuring. Separate apartments still flourish, sometimes justifiable, but more times otherwise. We acknowledge conditions, concede that much of the anti-Negro activity of the past was a necessity, but today, when things are different, different activities are expected. When these fail it must be set down to the thing of fear of Negro ability as much as anything else.

Politically the Negroes have no particular home. They have righteously concluded that the fight was not between white men as to the Negroes, but between white men and Negroes. However, it should be said that this is a new phase, the result of race antipathy, and owing to various reasons brought out and accentuated by incidents of association. The fact is not obscure. Negroes of very little intelligence from the standpoint of books, have not been slow to sum up the situation, not to speak of those that have long since known. As a consequence the solidarity of the Negro vote is no more. Democrats here and there may prove civilly and politically mean, but in the last analysis they often stand aided and abetted.

That the millions of Negroes are best employed where their rights civilly and politically are less, has something favorable in it. At any rate, the Negro voters have concluded to not stand solidly for the Republicans in so much as the Republicans are afraid to act in their behalf. Their profession as usual is very good, but they can not correct abuses.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON AFRICA.

Booker T. Washington, head of the well known Industrial School for Negroes located at Tuskegee, Ala., has formulated plans and has recently issued invitations for an international conference at Tuskegee of all persons in Europe or America who are directly or indirectly itnerested in the education and improvement of the Negro people of Africa.

The purpose of this conference will be to bring together not only students of colonial and racial questions, but more particularly those who, either as missionaries, teachers or government officials, are actually engaged in any way in practical and constructive work which seeks to build up Africa by educating and improving the character and condition of the native peoples.

This conference will meet at Tuskegee about the middle of January, 1912. Its purpose will be to get fro mthe people who are on the ground a clearer and more definite notion of the actual problems involved in the redemption of the African peoples; to enable those who are engaged in work in Africa to see for themselves what is being done at Tuskegee in the way of educating black men, and to enable them to decide for themselves to what extent the method employed at the Tuskegee school can be used to advantage in Africa.

For a number of years past missionaries from all parts of the world have been coming in increasing numbers to visit and study the methods of the Tuskegee Institute, and it is believed that this conference will prove a welcome opportunity to many others to do the same. It is expected that a permanent organization of "The African Friends" may be effected as a result of this conference, which will aid in organizing, stimulating and directing the work of education and civilization in the Dark Continent.

IN MEMORY OF CHARLES SUMNER

The aNtional Independent Political League is calling attention to the one hundredth anniversary of Charles Sumner, who for twenty-three years was a member of the United State Senate, during which time he showed devotion to the cause of Negro fredom and his enlarged civil right and political activity. The letter of the call says in part:

"To no son more than to Sumner does this Republic owe its preservation as a free country, to none more its rescue from the blasting blight and national blot of human slavery. At first standing almost alone in the Senate, he thundered against the iniquity of slavery until it was abolished. Willingly he suffered the almost living death caused by the mighty attack he made upon this sin, and by his suffering multiplied its enemies. After slavery was abolished he was foremost against its recrudescence in new forms. Noble service he rendered his Republic as an advocate of equality of rights. He was a moral giant, a great statesman, noble crusader against caste, a true American."

There is no doubt but what the cause of the Negroes was very dear to the heart of the lamented Sumner. All of his great nature was swayed by the thought of them as a master passion. He finally passed out of this life with the thought of them on his mind. His last words were a message concerning them. "Don't let them kill my civil rights bill."

Friday, January 6, 1911, is the one hundred anniversary of Charles Sumner's birth, the day set apart by the league for observation.

Wm. Monroe Trotter, editor of the Boston Guardian, is secretary of the league and Bishop Alexander Walters is president.

THE W. H. LEWIS APPOINTMENT.

From all accounts W. H. Lewis, of Boston, will not be an assistant in the office of the Attorney-General of the United States. The news is having somewhat of a depressing effect on the political "market," at least on the Negro contingent of the Republican party, and perhaps on the whole race. Regardless of party affiliations most of the Negroes looked forward to the consummation of the announcement with a great degree of pride, thinking to see the beginning of the advance to higher grounds politically, or the reclamation of the same, having in mind the political distinctions which formerly came to the race. It appears that no such program will be carried out.

Avowed opposition to the advancement of Mr. Lewis comes from unexpected quarters. Republicans high in the councils of the party insist that it will never do, averring at the same time that there is nothing to be urged against his integrity or his capability. But there's nothing to do, according to Mr. Wickersham, Attorney-General—no vacancy in the office, hence no possibility of an appointment. Uncle Joe Canon, known for his formidability in political affairs, desires the office, provided there is one for an Illinois constituent. Presumably other protests have been from sources just as high, and have been quite as efficacious in making the situation untenable for Mr. Lewis.

As much as we should have preferred to have seen the high distinction go to Mr. Lewis, we are not of the opinion that the "appointment" was meritoriously based, further than ability and respectability, and which under ordinary circumstances were sufficient. In this very practical day, however, it is the natural thing to turn to one's record of activity when the thing of preferment is the subject. We are afraid that Mr. Lewis' record would not be a very long one, nor a brilliant one if short.

Government under party control means that very thing, consequently we are not inclined to fall out with President Taft for working the situation in holding out the inducement to Mr. Lewis. If the party is to control party methods must be employed. Something must be doing in the very niche of time. It is the expected; even of Presidents, who have themselves and their administrations to preserve. Some are taking a whack at Mr. Taft for making an attempt to do something for his party. He had it to do. Not that particular thing, but it was up to him to show a little activity, and which, by the way, is set down to his credit. Of course, the President is expected to do no small thing, and the offering of semi-cabinet jobs is no small thing. That the job was tentatively offered Mr. Lewis, that is, with a string to it, is also being said. We think the assertion too strong. Mr. Taft, we think, was honest and sincere in the tender. We are also of the opinion that he is not going to rave and tear to see that Mr. Lewis stays "sticked." He evidently has done his part, and thus is in splendid condition to bid for the Negro vote, which is now conceded to be an unstable quantity.

SPREADING CHRISTMAS CHEER.

Movements of the Society Set.—Echoes of the Joyous Holidays.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—Mrs. John Marshall, of Anchorage, (wife of one of Kentucky's leading barristers) being a most estimable and philanthropic lady, was deeply touched with the Christmas spirit last week, and gave substantial evidence of her christian character, by gathering at her mansion all the little colored children in the neighborhood and giving them a fine luncheon and many presents. The children sang songs and made speeches and Mrs. Marshall told them stories about the Christ child. This event will long be treasured in the memories of these little waifs, and their benefactress has built herself a monument in their hearts more enduring than brass or stone. Such acts of benevolence are beyond all praise and do much to root our natures the weeds of selfishness.

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Miss Elsie Masterson is spending the holidays with friends in Indianapolis.

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The Entre Nous club gave their grand dance at Odd Fellows' Hall, Monday night, and the society folks all came. This was the most brilliant affair of the holidays.

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The Fleur-de-Lis club entertained Tuesday evening at the residence of Miss Nancy Hicks, in Caldwell street.

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Mrs. Welch, of West Chestnut street, will entertain on the 5th prox., in honor of Miss Daisy Brown, of Columbus O., and Miss Mabel Finley, of Dayton, O.

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The Fortnightly club entertained visitors to the city Friday evening, at a whist party at the beautiful residence of Mrs. Lavinia Watson Cooper.

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Miss Prinia Fitzbutler entertained this week in honor of Mrs. Myra Dennison, of Chicago.

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Mr. D. L. Knight is on the highway to recovery after a brief spell of illness.

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Dr. Charles W. Anderson, of Frankfort, and daughter are visiting friends and relatives in the city. They are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Black.

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Mrs. Frank Waring, of Chicago, and her aunt are spending the holidays with Dr. Sarah Fitzbutler.

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Mr. William Nutter, known as "Honest Nutter," died last Monday at his home, 1409 Cedar street. Mr. Nutter was well known to all base ball players who have been to this city, and he was the only colored umpire who was always acceptable without a murmur, to decide points in ball games between white and colored teams. He was often selected to umpire white games. His decisions were always accurate and were seldom questioned. His death is a loss to base ball.

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Miss Emma Lou Claybrooks and Miss Jane Johnson Simpson gave a dance for the visiting strangers in our city at Odd Fellows' Hall this week, and all went merry as marriage bells.

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Prof. W. E. Bush has been elected president of the Jefferson county teachers association. He has been teaching with great success at Orell, Ky., and was put in nomination by Mrs. Bessie Jones in one of her characteristic strong speeches.

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Miss Dora Weston, of Winnipeg, Can., is visiting her mother, whom she has not seen in years, at 1222 West Walnut street.

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Mr. George Williams, of West Baden, is in the city on business and pleasure.

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Mr. H. E. Hall, supreme secretary of the National Benevolent Union, has issued a beautiful calendar for the next year, with pictures of the children of Mr. Stephen Bell at the funeral of "Bre'r Rabbit." It is being widely circulated and admired.

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Mrs. Alice Green, of 1114 Cedar street, has successfully undergone an operation for a fibroid tumor, weighing ten pounds.

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Mrs. Bert Jamison, of Chicago, is visiting Mrs. Thomas Cole, and was entertained at a reception by Mrs. Cole from 4 to 6 p. m., Wednesday, and at a whist party Friday, by Mrs. Dolby Jennings.

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Mrs. Frances Sheffey, the popular ceteress at West and Grayson, left the city this week to attend the wedding of her niece, Miss Lizzie May Valentine, of Decatur, Ala. She will be gone a fortnight.

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The attendants at the Central Kentucky Asylum for the Insane gave a grand ball Tuesday night at the Lakeland auditorium. Many visitors from Louisville were present and a most enjoyable time was had. Messrs. Parrish, Castleman, Pendergrast and Mitchell did the honors of the occasion for the gentlemen, while Mesdames Wilkerson, Anderson, Castleman and Hayes looked after the ladies.

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The Goddess of Pleasure club gave an entertainment at the residence of Miss Ella Brodsdale, 2325 Magazine street, Tuesday night. This party exceeded all former functions of this swell club.

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Mr. Bartley Graves, formerly of this city, now a resident of Buffalo, N. Y., paid a visit to his friends and relatives during the holidays and gave his mother one hundred dollars for Christmas.

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Dr. Solomon Stone, one of our leading physicians and capitalists, spent the holidays with friends in Cincinnati.

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Miss Georgia Smith gave a party Thursday in honor of Miss Irene Bowman, of the Fiske University Music school, at her country home near Forest. Miss Bowman is an accomplished musician and played several of her favorite numbers to the delight and astonishment of those present.

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Mr. Samuel Carter, the noted criminal lawyer, politician and diplomat, dined with his friend, the Hon. Isaac E. Black, Christmas.

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Miss N. H. Burroughs paid a short visit to her friends in the city last week.

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Miss Hattie B. Dorsey, of Indianapolis, is visiting her mother and sister on South Preston street.

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The charity dance given by the Women's Board of the Red Cross sanitarium, on the 19th inst., was a great success. The net sum realized was $64.50.

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Mr. Wm. Mosee, connected with the Internal Revenue service, being stationed at Athertonville, spent Christmas in the city with his family.

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Mrs. Lucy A. Brown, the hair dresser, formerly residing at 714 West Walnut street, has moved into more spacious quarters at 1425 West Chestnut street, where she will be pleased to meet her old patrons.

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Mrs. Lula Butler, of Chicago, Ills., is visiting friends in this city. She was the guest of Mrs. B. R. Neal for Christmas dinner. A slow duck and all that accompanies the same was served. The dining room was decorated with cedar and holly. After a sumptious repast all retired to the green room, where coffee and wines were served.

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Mrs. Minnie Richardson and Miss Clara Tolbert, of Dayton, O., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Saddie for the holidays.

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A dinner was given in honor of Mrs. Minnie Richardson and Miss Clara Tolbert by Rev. D. A. Saddie at his home, 939 Clay street.

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Mr. John D. Rodgers, engaged in the business of moving, packing and expressing, has recently bought two ne wteams. His office and residence are at 1805 Clay street.

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Mrs. Lula M. Stine, of 1003 West Green street, has returned from a trip to Florida for her health. She spent many pleasant days at Tampa and Naples, and is very much improved.

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J. A. C. Lattimore, M. D.

Dr. Lattimore is a native of Shelby, N. C., where he attended the public schools until he was 16 years of age, at which time he entered Bennet College at Greensboro, N. C., graduating with the class of 1897. In the autumn of the same year he matriculated at Meharry Medical College, from which he was graduated in the spring of 1891. He came to this city and located near his present residence, where he had a very hard struggle as a general practioneer for two years. After his practice was placed on a paying basis, he invested his earning in property and today receives a neat income from the same. He worships at the A. MF. E. Zion Church, is the grand medical registrar of the Knights of Phythias, a member of the Falls City Medical Society and was a member of the board of directors of the Y. M. C. A. His beautiful home, presided over by his popular sister, Miss Georgia A. Lattimore, is a social center.

W. H. Brown.

Mr. W.H . Brown, born in this city and educated in the schools at this place, has been of a business turn of mind since boyhood. His father, James Brown, for many years had a large share of the transfer business of the merchants on Main street, and his son learned much of the business methods prevailing in that section. It was through his own industry, economy and sagacity, however, that he placed himself upon his present solid footing. His office is at 113 West Main street and his privater esidence at 1208 Oldham street. Mr. Brown was happily married to Miss Mary E. Branch and they are the proud parents of four children, the eldest, James W., being his father'sc hief assistant, and the younger son, W. H. Brown, Jr., being a student at the St. Augustine College, at Raleigh, N. C., having for his aim the service of the Master in the Episcopal ministry. The two daughters are in the schools of this city.

Mr. Brown is a communicant in the Church of Our Merciful Savior, and is on the church committee and is a member of the board of directors and treasurer of the Louisville Cemetery Association. He is a Mason of high degree and past chancellor of the Knights of Pythias. Mrs. Brown is active in all matters affecting the race and is assistant secretary of the State Federation of Women's Clubs and president of the Bell Embroidery Club. Mr.B rown is a large holder of real estate and a credit to his race. He is a loving husband, a devoted father and a sincere friend.

CINCINNATI, O.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

CINCINNATI, O.—The fourth number of the Star Course lectures of the Dunbar Lyceum Bureau was held Sunday, December 18. The subject was a discussion of "How Can We Best Meet the Conditions Which Arise from the Growth of Prejudice in the City of Cincinnati." One of the largest crowds of the course was in attendance. Mr. Joseph L. Jones apened the discussion with a well prepared paper. In opening his address he referred to the two great problems that are claiming the strict attention of the people of this country at this time—the race problem and the trusts. He urged his hearers to be active, diligent and persistent. He said that was the only and the surest way to accomplish results in meeting the strong growth of prejudice taht appears to be eating out our very hearts. The speaker was loudly applauded. Mr. F. A. B. Hall, who followed Mr. Jones, was the recipient of great applause when he suggested a relief from the existing conditions in this city. He stated that it would be well for every well-thinking man in the city of Cincinnati to either join the Dunbar Club or assist in organizing other clubs, so that the race might meet the opposition with a determined effort. Hon. George H. Jackson, a former member of the Ohio Legislature, followed Mr. Hall with some timely remarks. He urged the Negroes to organize, the same as the Dunbar Club has, for the social uplift, and do missionary work in order to better the condition of our people. He illustrated the great work of the Humane Society in suppressing cruelty to animals and children, and stated that the society had been so successful in its efforts that today any citizen can, when seeing a driver abuse an animal or a parent a child, cause the arrest of the offenders and have them prosecuted for the offense. The speaker also said that one of the worst evils with which we have to contend and one of which there is much complaint is the habit of many people to make themselves obnoxious on the public highways and in public parks and resorts by the use of bad languagecmfwypaoicmfwyaoim amo profane language, indecent dancing, petty stealing and unnecessary fighting. All these things tend to degrade the Negro and retard his progress, and also causes a growth of the prejudice of the white man against him. He appealed to his hearers to form themselves into societies or clubs and assist in the prosecution of such offenders until such conduct is broken up in our city. Tremendous applause followed Mr. Jackson's remarks. Mr. C. C. Webb spoke on the subject, "Lack of Skilled Labor Among the Negroes." Mr. Webb said that if we possessed more skilled laborers in our race our value as citizens would be more highly apprecited and less race prejudice would exist.

Hon. George W. Hays, another ex-member of the Ohio Legislature from this city, spoke very highly of the efforts of the Dunbar Clug. Rev. C. H. Douglas, pastor of the Mound Street Church, spoke very entertainingly and gave some timely advice for the solution of the race prejudice evil. He applauded the efforts of the club and extended an invitation for the club to hold its next lecture at his church.

Mr. Harry L. Jordan acted as chairman of the meeting, and the Hon. Samuel B. Hill, an ex-member of the Ohio Legislature from this county, acted as secretary. The next large affair of the club will be the Dunbar ball, to be held on December 30, 1910.

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The Dunbar Club at its last meeting adopted a strong resolution, thanking the President of the United States for the nomination of Hon. Charles W. Cottrell as the collector of customs at Honolulu. Mr. Cottrell is a member of the Dunbar Club and his appointment has been the cause of much rejoicing among the club's membership.

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Mr. Roscoe Lewis, a son of Governor Samuel Lewis, after serving six months as a substitute patrolman on the police force, received the highest percentage in o competitive examination with twenty white patrolmen. Mr. Lewis is an intelligent young man and has bright prospects for the future.

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Miss Maud Armstrong, of Foraker avenue, has been reported as very sick. Her many friends wish for her a speedy recovery.

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Mrs. Harvey Johnson, of Yale avenue, is suffering with a fractured arm, the result of a fall.

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Miss Sadie Ogle, secretary of the Pekin Theater Company, will spend the holidays with her parents at Blanchester, O.

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Mr. Ed. Gaither suffered his first accident with his new car a few days ago. In order to avoid running over an old lady who failed to hear his signal, he was forced to swing his car into the curb. A broken wheel was the result.

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Mrs. Lawrence Thomas, of Central avenue, who was injured in a wreck several weeks ago by the overturning of a street car, is still confined to her bed.

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The Brownsville theaters have a good line of vaudeville acts. The Pekin has the best show it has had in a long time. Walker and Brown have a very funny little sketch. They are both good entertainers and they keep the audience in an uproar all the time. Miss Marie Burton, who has been seen in Brownsville before, proved that she has made many friends by her former visits here. Miss Burton has a sweet voice, and her expressions when she renders "Lovey Joe" produce a wonderful effect. Kelly and Davis, versatile comedians, are with us again and have a new line of street talk that wins for them much applause. These boys are certainly comers and are continually working at something new to improve their act. They are soon to leave for the East to enter faster company, and they will no doubt make good. The Pekin has had good houses all the week.

The Gaither has returned to straight vaudeville and have a good performance billed. Emmett Anthony, doing a blackface monologue stunt, seems to be with us to stay. This is his fifth week at this theater and he seems to grow stronger every week. It seems that the people will never tire of him. Miss Ora Webb is another favorite Brownsville performer. She, too, has been with us so long that we have forgot the date of her first appearance, and if she continues to draw as she has the past week her name will appear in next year's city directory. Love and Love is another holdover team, and they have a good act. "Kid" Love took part in a little sketch last week in which he impersonated Lawyer Dalton,, a well-known local colored attorney. So well did he act and look the part that he was offered several cases in police court. Russel and Russell is a new team, but they are good. Taken as a whole, the Gaither has a good vaudeville show this week.

BROWNSVILLE SHOW HOUSES.

Christmas opened with strong bills in both Brownsville houses. The management of both houses were very fortunate in securing all good talent for this week, especially fortunate were they in securing talent that is well known here. All of them have appeared here and were a feature on each occasion. Miss Pauline Dempsey and Wilson and Cumby are the added attractions at the Pekin, the names alone is enough to insure a crowded house at each performance. Miss Dempsey continues to keep up her former repulation that she made here on her first appearance as an imitator of southern characters. Billy Cumby, who is often referred to as "Our Bill," is the same funny fellow that fills the houses whenever he shows on the streets. Mr. Wilson is as good as any that have appeared here in his line. Miss Lucy Shepherd added to the bill makes it a very strong one.

The Gaither also sprung a strong one on us for the holiday week. Miss Ara Webb opens with her favorite songs; she scores as usual. Princess Satauki, with her Hindoo Mysteries and big well-trained snakes, is an odd feature that always draws. The princess puts on the Hindoo snake dance that is one of the principal attractions of her native country. The Manhattan Belles, a trio of girls that are good, Miss Rosa Brown, formerly of Brooks and Brown, Miss Delka and Miss Alberta Perkins, all having appeared here on a number of occasions. It is a very strong act. When Miss Perkins sings "Lovey Joe" everybody gets a little envious of him. Miss Delka is in a class by herself as a buck and wing dancer, and Rosa Brown, "well she could stay here the year around."

Miss Sadie Ogle, secretary and bookkeeper for the Pekin Theater Company, was taken suddenly ill just as she had prepared to leave for Blanchester, O., to spend the holidays with her parents. Her friends are very uneasy about her.

Miss Marie Burton, who was showing at the Pekin last week, was compelled to close before the end of the week on account of the serious illness of her mother, she having received a telegram to that effect.

The citizens of Lexington, Ky., will celebrate Emancipation Day with a splendid program on Sunday, January 1, at the First Baptist church, at 2:30 o'clock. Prof. E. W. B. Curry, president of the Curry N. and I. I., Urbana, Ohio, the educator and eloquent orator, will deliver the Emancipation address. He has few, if any, equals, and no superiors in either race upon the American platform today. He possesses a sweet tenor voice, and will sing as well for the occasion.

WOMEN'S INDUSTRIAL CLUB, CENTRALIA, ILL.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The Women's Industrial Club celebrated their annual anniversary on December 8, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Corneal, in the way of a reception. The affair was a grand one. The evening was spent in social enjoyment to all who attended. A very nice program was rendered, with solos and papers and talks from different ones, after which the supper, a seven-course affair, was served. There were two visitors from out of town, Mrs. Hedgeman, of St. Louis, and Mrs. Covington, of Mississippi. The club has done very much in this place in bringing about unity.

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Guy Truley, the trap drummer, who was recently seen with Duncan & Scott's vaudeville act, has been creating quite a sensation with the act as a drummer. They have their own drummer and musical director.

James Shaw sends regards to Sunny Dixie Minstrels and Harrison Bros. Minstrels. Mrs. Lula Mae Collins sends regards to Manzie Campbell. Mrs. Inez Jackson Lormaly, of Kansas City, Mo., but now of Corsicana, Tex., sends regards to Harry St. Clair, of Kansas City, Mo.

Frank Montgomery, musical director and producer at the Crown Garden Stock Company of Indianapolis, was formerly at the Pekin, Chicago, where he was for a long time the right hand man of the late J. Ed. Green. He has staged shows in New York for white companies. His work is full of dash and go which makes a hit from the jump.

Wilson and Davis, after sixteen weeks at the Pekin Theater, Savannah, Ga., will open at the Dixie Theater, Charlotte, N. C., December 19, for three weeks. The manager of the Pekin Theater highly recommends the team. Mr. Wilson was stage manager and leading comedian. Miss Davis still wears that smile that won't come off. A merry Christmas and a happy New Year to friends in and out of the profession.

CHRISTMAS IN CHICAGO.

Sacred Church Concerts and Vaudeville Shows in Competition—Final Offerings of the Old Year—Patti Brown Sings.

—By Sylvester Russell.—

Merry Christmas day has come and gone, and the offertories of that day and evening are stil lfresh in the minds of those who attended the sacred services prepared for the different occasions. It was the last hallowed Sunday of the old one-hundredth of a century, for the trumpet horns of to-night will forewarn and bring us glorious tidings of to-morrow, the revolution of a bright and happy New Year. It was this same token of Christmas joy, as a sacred celebration, which prompted Rev. A. J. Carey to provide for his congregation the finest array of special talent that could be had to participate in the program at Institutional Church. And although the Umbrian Glee Club was in charge of the concert, it was the appearance of Anita Patti Brown that made the services musically notable. Madame Brown has a rare musical organ, and is the sweetest voiced coloratura singer the Negro race has ever produced. After the glee club had sung "Arise, Shine, for Thy Light Is Come," Arthur Dunt, a baritone singer of pleasing quality and method, sang a solo. Then "Christmas Hymn," a quintette, with Patti Brown, Mrs. Gardner, Mrs. Mackey and Messrs. Pierce and Brown, was rendered. Mr. Opal Cool was the next soloist, and is a tenor of excellent timber. The greatest surprise, however, was the violin selection by Mr. Kemper Harreld, and while the occasion does not warrant it, but as it was the first opportunity I had to hear him play, it is safe to say that he is the most promising young artist I have ever heard, in every particular, indicative of material greatness by advanced development. The trio, "Praise Ye," with Patti Brown, David Mitchell and Arthur Dunham, was a short and sweet message of song, which left us thirsty.

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Carolina Four Turn 'Em Away at the Monogram.

Monday was a great holiday for the opening of a new show at the Monogram. Manager Kline, who seems to have grasped the idea of what the management of a theater really is, had cause to be glad, but sorry to see the people turned away. There was no mistake about real enjoyment when the Carolina Four walked upon the stage to close the show with a riot; they sang and danced with great rapidity, and their comedy work was of a high, refreshing order, when it comes down to genuine darkey humor. They shot craps to ragtime music that was highly operatic in flavor, and the female specialties of the bass singer added greatly to the perfection of the amusement at hand, including the uneven size of the big six-foot tenor and the little midget of a baritone, who mounted his man to redeem his money in the craps game. Miss Bessie La Belle, a female baritone, was a nice innovation of song, which gave ample satisfaction. She is a handsome woman, and her gestures added much flavor to her artistic worth. White and Barton, who opened the bill, easily managed to hold the attention of everybody. The comedian is a good dancer, and all they will need to do is to keep on improving. Billy B. Johnson, who was to make his first appearance from the big time, had to cancel at the last moment, owing to the indisposition of his wife. Their place was taken by Trudell and Fuller, a white team, which managed to please, and was therefore acceptable. The orchestra, which had been augmented by the reappearance of Prof. W. C. Sweatman, the expert clarinetist, who had resigned from the Grand to come to this house, was in excellent form, together with Prof. William Dorsey, pianist and arranger, and Joe E. Like, the trap drummer.

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Abbie Mitchell at the Grand.

Amid the changing of spot lights and the coaching of a noisy audience, by art, to sit quiet and comfortable, is what we saw and what Miss Abbie Mitchell was able to do at the Grand, as a wonderful accomplishment, in messages of song that entranced her audiences at every performance. "Twilight," which is now old, but worth while, if only to hear Miss Mitchell sing those fascinating lines, "I'm watching and waiting for you," and to hear "Li'l Gal" as only she can sing it, and "Rubberneck Moon," which brought her old repertoire into play for the last time, we hope, in favor of a fresh one. If she continues to do that she will be able to come back—as often as necessary. She was in good voice and won heavy applause. "Bandanna Land" quartette was a welcome feature, as their act has been improved upon, both in vocal and comedy regulation. The Kolored Kandy Kids did other miracles besides throwing candy out in the audience. They are the craziest dancers yet seen on the avenue, and their act is well regulated and decidedly clever and capable. Webb and Gillam did well in a case of getting by as professionals who change partners too often, and even as good performers are often compelled to hold the stage on the merit and strength of their nerve, until their act gets broken in.

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Deas, Reed and Deas at the Casino.

When the new Casino Theater, at North Clark and Kinzie streets, opened up for Christmas, they needed a good, spicy act to cut funny capers, sing and dance, and look good in the bargain, and in order to make sure of such an attraction, Deas, Reed and Deas were selected as headliners, and they had a strong bill of white performers to work after, but in spite of that they actually succeeded in creating a riot. The Casino is a very pretty little theater, and Manager Schlesinger can be justly proud of its interior. I came in late, like the wealthy people do. I admire the luxuries of the rich and grand. I felt big. I had come by an invitation from Laurence Deas. I sat in a real private box, but there was no wager on the race problem, and no one noticed me any more there than they would if I had been seated in a box at the Colonial. It was an afternoon Christmas holiday matinee, and called for an apology, and there is one thing that actors will do, and that is to apologize for a matinee, especially if critics are busy at night, and only have time to trot around after big time actors in the afternoon. But this time it happened that Mr. and Mrs. Deas and Harry Reed, a little, sawed-off comedian, who can tumble and do handsprings, were very good, and it is because of the flattery that Reed gets for his cleverness as a rich element performer that he uses a song until it drops dead at the age of seventy. This defect, however, according to the gall of a critic, is atoned for by the extenuation of the Deases, who look as sweet as peaches and cream upon the stage, where they exhibit some clothes, singing and dancing that are deucedly clever. If Mrs. Deas had only had a reality song, how near she would have trodden upon the heels of Mrs. Walker; but the plagued old "ifs" and "howevers" are forever in the way of dramatic scribblers, and that is why Laurence Deas appealed to me more as a creature of beauty, who will not be a joy forever until he gets his gabble punctuated and its speed tempered down to the movement of a slow cadenza. He has eyes that you can't see at all, like Leo Bailey's, but he opens them occasionally. His kiddish habits, which are entertaining, but generously overacted, find refuge in a second suit of lavish clothes. The trio is not so decidedly different from some of the rest, but more artistic than so many that if you were to see them the change would do you good. I did not call at their dressing room after the performance was over, but met them later in the evening at a South Side restaurant. Ella Deas was so glad to see me, and Laurence Deas and Harry Reed both apologized for the unappreciation of matinees. I told you they would. They wear more clothes at night, sing better and dance easier, and, above all, the proclamation is greater.

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William H. Windom was a headliner at the Hamlin Theater, Christmas week, in his nurse girl specialty.

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Charles F. Gardner, stage manager of the Bush Temple Theater, has gone to New York on a business visit. He is also to visit the C. V. B. A.

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The announcement that Sam H. M. Davis, of Davis and Walker, paid an indemnity not to be advertised during the holidays, created considerable comment among the actors. Mr. Davis is the popular treasurer of the Colored Vaudeville Benevolent Association.

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Joe Simms and Walker Thompson did not go to Louisville, preferring to accept of a more profitable engagement at a downtown house. Lucky Joe seems to have made a positive hit in their new act. Thompson is sporting a new sealskin hat.

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Irvin C. Miller has just returned from Seattle, and presented the critic with two big red apples he brought from the coast. He also gave the critic one-fourth of a big Christmas cake which had just arrived from his mother. He is very busy now writing plays for next season, and from present indications he has a disposition to never give up.

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When the Smart Set Company plays its return engagement in Chicago, in February, it is to be hoped that little S. H. Dudley, Jr., will not try to wear his father's pants ahead of season. To have a kid singing from the orchestra reduces the value of a legitimate show to the rank of a burlesque performance. I was much mortified a few weeks ago when I saw the Dudley kid climb into the taxicab to go to the Booker T. Washington banquet. When we arrived at the Dumas Hotel I asked Mr. Dudley if we hadn't better leave the kid upstairs before going into the banquet room. Dudley made no answer. But I occasionally ask such things. It revolts me, but I do it. When I introduced the kid to Dr. Washington I was very much embarrassed. I knew the place for a child of tender years is right in bed dreaming of play in the kindergarten.

PASSING SHOW AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

New Life at the Howard.—Finley on the Stage Again.—Big Bill at the Dabney.—New Musical Attraction.

(By W. P. Bayless.)

The attractions at the theaters for the holidays have been planned by all the managers, and, though all the announcements for the week have not been made it is safe to say that there will be rare treats along the line of high class amusement to offer the theater goers for the week between Christmas and New Year's.

Dabney Theater.

At Dabney's last week there was an exceptionally clever comedienne in Susie Sutton, formerly of Havana, Cuba, recently of New York City, who is playing her second time in a colored vaudeville house. Miss Sutton is a singer and has a sweet voice. The manner in which she rendered her songs secured considerable applause. The monologue that she gave was a stream of rapid fire talk which was highly appreciated. She sang the "Minor Strain" by Ford Dabney, very pleasingly.

Leona Marshall, who is playing her fourth week at this house, sang "Molasses Candy" and Joe Jordon's "Raggedy Rag" in male attire and scored a big hit. Miss Marshall seems to be a favorite here.

Mr. Louis A. Mitchell, "Old Man Bill Simmons," the white-washer in the Cole & Johnson Co., was another great attraction on the bill last week. He appeared as the "Suey Man" and made a great hit doing his famous "Suey Stunt." His witty monologue based on local features created a storm of laughter whenever he recited it. This is the third year for Mr. Mitchell on the stage. His rapid rise is remarkable and he is to be congratulated for his splendid attainments. Last week was the second time he has appeared on the stage alone. During the week he featured "That Suey Rag" and "Colorado Rag," both of these songs were written by Mr. Lewis Thomas of Washington. The splendid maner in which Mr. Mitchell renders a song makes it advisable to suggest to young song writers that it would be quite an advertisement to have him feature their songs.

Mr. Erb Robinson is managing the theater and his manner of conducting the house makes him a very valuable asset to the owner.

Hiawatha Theater.

The bill at the Hiawatha last week was a good one. On it was a musical act by two Seminole Indians. Special mention should be made of the eight-year-old left-hand wonder who performs upon several musical instruments with telling effect. The very fine life motion pictures were warmly accepted. Next week Mr. T. Spencer Finley, the "Fun Manufacturer," will appear with a score of real funny jokes on timely topics.

Minnehaha Theater.

The Minnehaha Theater has been closed for two weeks pending many repairs and improvements.

Howard Theater.

At the Howard Theater for the week of December 26, Mr. J. Leubrie Hill will be seen in another of his big successes for an indefinite run. The next show will be composed of forty-five people, practically the same caste that composed the Howard Musical Stock Company. R. A. Shelton, Will Brown, L. A. Mitchell, Will H. Price, Jr., Mayme Butler, Leona Marshall, Evon Robinson, Quetta Watts and many others will be specials. The choruses will be large and composed of good singers and dancers. This play in all probability will surpass anything that Mr. Hill has ever attempted. It will contain an excellent plot and have enough original features, song hits and novelties to stock many similar shows. The music is by Prof. Will H. Vodery, and the book and lyrics by J. Leubrie Hill.

Wilberforce Musical Association.

A new musical orbanization has come into existence recently and is making a splendid record. It is known as the Wilberforcian Musical Association and is composed of young men who have had quite a deal of experience in orchestra work. A majority of the members are graduates from Wilberforce University.

Professor J. Sherman Hunnicutt, who played first violin under Prof. H. Lawrence Freeman and was director of the S. Coleridge-Taylor orchestra of Wilberforce University, which orchestra was regarded excellent during the years of 1906 and 1907, is a musician who brings from his violin exquisite tones and plays lead violin also is director of the orchestra. Mr. Karl F. Phillips, business manager, is an executor on the violin and performer at the piano. He is a member of the Amsterdam Musical Union of New York City and played with Craig's orchestra. Mr. J. Frank Blagburn, while a student at Wilberforce University, organized the first band the university ever had, plays second cornet. Mr. Oscar C. Preston plays the viola. Mr. W. P. Bayless plays the second violin. Mr. Nathan N. Nesbitt, formerly of the Ninth Battallion band of Ohio, plays the clarinet. Mr. F. G. Haley plays the trombone. Mr. Elmer L. Burns, who played the flute and piccolo in the S. Coleridge-Taylor orchestra at Wilberforce University, and piano with the Mt. Sterling Symphony orchestra, is playing the drums and bells. Mr. C. G. Jones, the cornet or piano. Mr. William C. Hunnicutt, formerly of the Symphony orchestra of Zanesville, O., is playing flute. Mr. W. Calvin Chase, Jr., who has played with the Howard University band and Lyric orchestra for many seasons, is playing the lead cornet. Mr. W. B. Anderson is playing the 'cello.

Mr. Hunnicutt contemplates, with this splendid association of young men, having one of the best concert orchestras possible.

THE CARTER TRIO.

The above likeness is that of the Carter Trio. It is practically a new combination to the show world, yet they have made rapid strides in the short time of their existence of only eight months. The autobiography of the head of this act needs but little introduction to the theatrical public, for Paul Carter has served in many positions of trust and responsibility. While his co-workers, Miss Ruth Perry and little Nettie Perry, are largely responsible for the fast growing popularity of this act, all three deserve great credit.

Miss Ruth Perry is a singer of great and rare ability, possessing a prima donna voice and knows just how to use it, besides being a close student of the piano, which she handles remarkably well. Little Nettie (her niece) is a cute and winsome baby soubrette of only twelve years, and sings a song as though she had had years of experience.

This combination shows the foresight of Mr. Carter, his experience in the business has shown him that this is a real novelty, besides forming a high class trio. Mr. Carter bears a reputation as a fair producer in stock houses, and has held only the stage manager position with the theatre or show he has worked for; all, with two exceptions, with Richard and Pringle's Minstrels and the original Nashville Students. He was placed in the principal comedy role with the latter show.

Since 188 this young man has served as stage manager, producer, and as comedian in the leading colored theatres and shows, only a few of them being Amusee Theatre, Memphis, Tenn.; Palace Theatre, Houston, Tex.; Luna Park Theatre, Atlanta, Ga.; Ideal Theatre, Richmond, Va.; Pekin Theatre, Savannah, Ga. He has shown some ability as a manager, being one-half owner with Mosley and Carter's Minstrels, and Carter and McKinzie's Comedy Company, also sole owner of Carter's Stock Company.

It is also worthy of mention that Mr. Carter staged and successfully managed The Florida Blossoms Company for two seasons, and was one of the principals with A. G. Allen's Big Minstrels, season of 1908.

This young man has nothing to regret as for as glory is concerned, for the past has been all wished for. Now he is looking away into the future; hence, the forming of what he feels a combination that looks like a future to him.

The Carter Trio is now playing an engagement at the Pekin Theatre, Richmond, Va. Mr. Carter is stage manager and is said to be introducing some new and clever ideas for this theatre. The future plans are not made public, but it is certain that they will play South for only a short time, and then go East or to the Golden West.

The Carter Trio keeps well posted through The Freeman theatrically, and wish to extend their thanks to the management of the paper for the many kind mentionings through its columns; and is open to say that The Freeman is the performer's one good true friend.

THE TEN DARK KNIGHTS EN-ROUTE.

We are laying off the last three days of this week on account of this act being too large to play this time on Christmas week, and our manager, Mr. Henderson Smith paid all our board as a Christmas present. Mr. W. D. Collins sailed for Europe on the steamer Teutonic to spend Christmas with his wife, and Mr. Chas. T. Small has replaced him. We all wish Mr. Collins a pleasant voyage. We lost our tenor singer, Napoleon Johnson, who went home to his brother, Mr. George Bailey, to be operated upon. We hope to see him back with us in a few weeks.

THE CROWN GARDEN STOCK COMPANY, INDIANAPOLIS.

The Crown Garden Stock Company is now a reality. This week's show is the effort of Frank Montgomery, producer, and Paul Le Mero, manager of the theater. Only a few days were spent in getting the show together, but the presentation was worthy. In fact a good pleasing bill was presented, full of surprises and happy situations. Some local talent was worked in, but the majority of the caste were performers of reputation and ability. All worked smoothly.

The Royal Coon, as suggested by its name, is a little absurdity, full of opportunities for fun and which are not neglected. Frank Montgomery, George Taylor and Miss Lizzie Hart are the features. The caste is as follows:

George Taylor, as "Moses Andrew Jackson," from Petersburg; Frank Montgomery, as "Sharp," friend and adviser to "Moses;" Miss Lizzie Hart, prima donna; Bessie Brady, "Belle of the Village;" Eddie Stratford, "the cop;" James Brown, "Lucinda's father;" Paul Le Mero, "Mammy;" Elwood Woodring, "the tramp actor."

The chorus was made up as follows: Maud Hudson, Mayme Brown, Bonnie Clark, Lena Mitchell, Bessie Stafford, Mamie Jones, Will Hall and others.

Frank Montgomery takes off the well-known George Walker in great style, reminding one of the Bon, Bon Buddie Stunt made famous by Walker. His song is "I Wonder Why They Call Me Snow-Ball?" He makes happy hits and adds very much to the attractiveness of the presentation. George Taylor does his part as the "Royal Coon" in good style. He is the comedian and makes plenty of fun. His songs, "Not For Mine" and "Royal Coon," take big. His song, "Old Black Crow," with Eddie Stafford, fetches the house. Stafford is very good in all he does. Lizzie Hart sings "Dying Rag" in great style and has made herself a favorite. She gets the hands in advance and owing to her pretty spot light work. She also sings "All I Ask is Love."

Bessie Brady gives a fine version of "Black Salome." She wins in her work, and is well received. Mamie Jones sings "Cotton Town," showing in her work a capable performer.

PARK THEATER, INDIANAPOLIS.

The Lyric Theater New York production of Eugene Walters' fascinating and picturesque play of the Canadian woods, "The Wolf," will be the opening attraction of the new year at the Park Theater, Indianapolis, for three days, with large daily bargain matines. This play held New York and Chicago spellbound for one whole season.

The story of the play is based on an old Indian legend, which goes: "When the wolves howl in pack in Indian Summer, it is a sign that before the moon rises and sets again some man will die." Who dies? That is the question which makes the play intensely interesting. A man who has betrayed a beautiful girl and is trying his wiles on another is pursued by two men seeking vengeance. There is a duel in the dark and when the moon comes out the pummel and noise of the fighting ceases and the victor lights a match and holds it dramatically over the face of his victim. The old Indian legend has come true.

The attraction at the Park for the latter half of the week will be the Rogers Brothers' greatest musical comedy success, "In Panama," with the Klein Brothers and a peerless beauty chorus. The scenes in the tropical zone give the scenic artists and the costumers an excellent opportunity for lavish coloring in the production and reproducing the warm air and the bright grandeur of the tropics. This they have taken advantage of with beautiful effects. The piece is full of fun and has many pretty songs.

AN INQUIRY.

Any person or persons knowing the whereabouts of Mr. J. C. Boone during the months of October, November and December in the year 1908, will confer a great favor upon him by communicating with Andy A. Pelleton, care Amuse Theater, Vicksburg, Miss., and all members of the profession wishing to subscribe any amount of money to help get an attorney for his defense can do so by sending subscriptions to The Freeman or to Andy A. Pelleton, care Amuse Theater, Vicksburg, Miss., 1015 N. Washington street, as he has been accused by some person or persons of having committed a double murder on said dates of the year of 1908, and is now held a prisoner in Greenville, Miss.

Friends working in his behalf are Harry and Zenobia Jefferson, George Freeman, of the Three Freemans; Laura Smith, Ed Daniels and Andy A. Pelleton. I am thanking you in advance, and remain yours respectfully, Andy A. Pelleton, care Amuse Theater, 1015 North Washington street, Vicksburg, Miss.

GLOBE THEATER, JACKSONVILE, FLA.

For the week of December 19th, 1910, Manager Frank Crowd, offered the patrons of the Globe a laughable show in every respect. There was not one moment but what you laugh, and laugh some. The first of the program that greeted the well filled house was the popular overture rendered by Prof. E. F. Mikell's orchestra. Then motion piceures that were interesting as well as educational. The Globe Stock Company, under the direction of J. Francis Mores, in a laughable farce, "Mamma's Baby Boy." This little farce created more laughter in twenty minutes than we have had the pleasure of witnessing for some time. The characters played by each person in the playlet were all up to the minute. J. F. Mores as the widower did a pleasing old man; John Jones, as the house boy, was an up-to-date servant; Trixie Smith, as Sallie Brown from Eaton Town, a dope fiend, was clever; Tilly Walker, as Mary Row, made a typical old southern snuff chewer; India Allen, as the widow, was very clever. Tim Owsley, as the Baby was a laughable hit; he always is. John Williams, as Officer Biglittle, played his part well.

The vaudeville opened with Trixie Smith, that singing girl, and she sang some. Next, J. Francis Mores, in popular and classic songs. His appearance this time was the same as before, a decided hit. Next, John Williams, an old Jacksonville favorite, in song and monologue; John was as funny and clever as ever. The closing act was Gardner and Gardner, singers, talkers and dancers. The male partner of this team is a wonderful dancer. While both together are clever talkers and singers. On looking over the program, we find a disappointment in Conley and Taylor, from the fact that they were unable to reach the city. We hope to see Conley & Taylor next week. The executive staff of the Globe Theater remains the same. Frank Crowd, owner and manager; Tim Owsley, assistant manager; J. F. Mores, producer and stage manager; Prof. E. F. Mikell, rchestra director; Hansom Ballard, scenic artist; Charles Williams, stage carpenter. We only hope that Manager Crowd willl give us as good and clean shows in the year 1911 as in the past year of 1910.

HOUSTON THEATER, LOUISVILLE, KY.

Miss Moss is a scream, singing "Old Kentucky home." Walker and Brown, in their talking and singing and dancing act, are good. Mr. Walker has been here before, working single. Miss Brown has made a great improvement in her act, which makes the bill one of the best that has been seen in the city in a long time. Miss Huston would like to hear from Mr. Allen and Allen, known as the Allen Troubadours. Misses Stewart and Stethe are doing a black face turn. Miss Stewart is doing the black face work and Miss Stethe is doing straight. These two ladies are high class performers. Connelly and Connelly are working thier second week with their children, and work a musical comedy.

ROUTE.

Ten Dark Knights. Week of January 2, Norka Theater, Akron, O.

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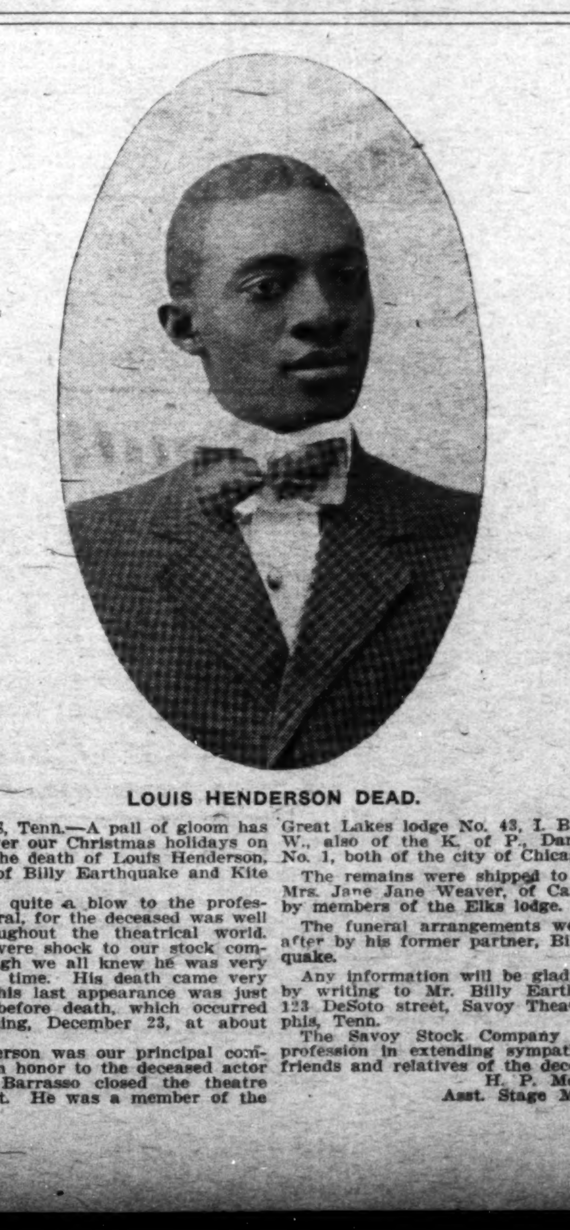

LOUIS HENDERSON DEAD.

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—A pall of gloom has been cast over our Christmas holidays on account of the death of Louis Henderson, of the trio of Billy Earthquake and Kite Fisher.

It will be quite a blow to the profession in general, for the deceased was well known throughout the theatrical world. It was a severe shock to our stock company, although we all knew he was very ill for some time. His death came very sudden, as his last appearance was just three days before death, which occurred Friday evening, December 23, at about 7:00 p. m.

Mr. Henderson was our principal comedian, and in honor to the deceased actor Mr. Zelma Barrasso closed the theatre for the night. He was a member of the Great Lakes lodge No. 43, I. B. P. O. E. W., also of the K. of P., Damon lodge No. 1, both of the city of Chicago.

The remains were shipped to his Aunt, Mrs. Jane Jane Weaver, of Canton, Mo., by members of the Elks lodge.

The funeral arrangements were looked after by his former partner, Billy Earthquake.

Any information will be gladly supplied by writing to Mr. Billy Earthquake at 123 DeSoto street, Savoy Theatre, Memphis, Tenn.

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The Stage.

EPH. WILLIAMS' FAMOUS TROUBADOURS.

By Prof. Eph. Williams.

With thirty years of experience as a showman, traveling over different sections of the country and looking over the situation of the Negro in particular as to being handicapped when it came to seating them in the opera houses, the idea came to me that a first-class company introducing high-class musical comedy, with the proper attention and good management, under canvas, could not fail. In the spring of 1907 I happened to meet Mr. S. H. Dudley, to my mind one of the greatest Negro comedians of the time, who was just organizing what he called a summer show after closing with "The Smart Set" for the season. This organization was composed of Messrs. S. H. Dudley, Salem Tutt Whitney, William Bayard and Prof. Eph. Williams, with his high school ponies as the fifth wheel in the wagon, as we ordinarily speak.

The company had one season prior to my connection with it. The company sailed under the title of "S. H. Dudley's Jolly Ethiopians." They opened at West Chester, Pa., and as my vaudeville engagements prohibited me from joining the company at West Chester, I did not join it until the following week. The company played with much success under the skillful management of the staff of S. H. Dudley in spite of the six days' rain that week. The show moved along pleasantly and successful until the first part of August, when Mr. Dudley was compelled to go to New York to fill an engagement with the "Smart Set" company, under the management of Mr. Gus Hill, and that practically closed the season for the "Jolly Ethiopians," leaving me at Pheobus, Va., with remnants of the company.

Mr. William Bayard agreed to go South with me if I would take the show there. I immediately furnished the capital, got out the billing matter and started on a tour across the Mason and Dixon line for the first time in my life.

I can truthfully say, coming from the North and not understanding the Southern customs of both the colored and white people, that we encountered obstacles that are usually met in the South. However, on Christmas day we found ourselves at Montgomery, Ala., where we had the honor of meeting, through my congenial partner, Mr. Baynard, the Rev. Andrew Stokes, pastor of the First Baptist Church of that city. He is a grand an noble gentleman. We arranged for a concert, which was indeed a novel and unique one, to take place in his church. We introduced our performing ponies on a platform built over the pool around the rostrum of the church, and this created considerable discussion among the members, some saying that the Rev. Andrew Jackson Stokes was going to turn the church into a horse stable and that they would never allow such a proceedure to take place.

That necessitated the calling of a special meeting of members of the church by the Rev. Stokes, and at that meeting he succeeded in convincing the excited and unprogressive members of the congregation that it was purely an education exhibition and that Prof. Williams would prove that his little equine beauties could multiply and subtract mathematically, tell the time of day by the watch, write on a typewriter and demonstrate human intelligence superior to the fault flinder. The result was that we played to $90 and gave the church 35 per cent. Everybody was enthused to the highest pitch and we were compelled to repeat the performance in two weeks, which was proved to be another decided success.

The next day we met Mr. George Quine, of A. G. Allen's New Orleans Minstrels, who was having some repairs made on his cars, and billed to play a date. Mr. Allen is an old friend formerly in the circus business in Wisconsin, and I am proud to say that he was confident that I would succeed. I arranged to buy his car, the Alabama, on the installment plan, and managed to meet every payment.

Starting out in my car, we traveled through the South during the winter months. Having the best of talent, "Silas Green from New Orleans" was played to packed houses nightly. The company was then formed into a repertoire and played two and three-night stands, occasionally playing a whole week with nightly changes of the program. The success of the company was so great that a second car, the Rhoda, was purchased. With a two-car show highly indorsed by the public wherever it was seen, the show has grown to such an extent that plans are now on foot to put out a No. 2 repertoire, to play weekly stands in different part of the South, beginning next April.

Speaking of Mr. Williams, we wish to state that his success is due to the help received by him from his wife, Mrs. Rhoda A. Williams, one of Wisconsin's brightest women. She has been untiring in her efforts to build up the famous Troubadours.

Prof. Williams has surrounded himself with a corps of officers who are able at all time to furnish the goods in any capacity that they may be called upon to fill. His assistant business manager, Mr. R. C. Puggsley, is one of the oldest men in the business and has been with Mr. Williams since the starting of his Southern trip, joining the company at Norfolk, Va. He has stuck with the company through thick and thin, and has been willing at all times to lend his valuable services to make the show a success.

Mr. Williams' success is due to the fact that he has always kept his eye on one object—perseverance. He has won his way by reaching the hearts of the general public, doing what he thought to be right at all times and giving the people a run for their money.

Prof. Williams is a natural animal trainer. He likes animals, and as soon as one comes into his possession he commences to teach it tricks. He is a man of wonderful tenacity, and when once he starts in pursuit of an object, he never thinks that failure is possible. His gift, for "gift" it certainly is, of training animals naturally led him into the show business, and he started his career with only one black stallion, Prince William George. Today he owns twelve head of high school ponies, which are seen in the daily parades and perform nightly; two cars, one a baggage and the other a private car, fitted up with the latest and most modern improvements, and a new canvas theater, fitted up with everything that is needed to care for the patrons of the show, giving him the largest and most satisfactory entertainment of its kind produced in America.

He is always on the alert for novelty acts or anything that is new and produced by colored performers, and will introduce them to the public. He figures that there is nothing too good for the public's money. That is his method of doing business and that is the secret of his success, as the real goods will find a market anywhere. Truth, veracity and square dealing is the keynote, and if you follow it up yon cannot lose.

At this time I do not care to write a biographical sketch of my life or tell of my thirty years' experience in hustling, but this article has been for the purpose of telling of the success of Prof. Eph. Williams' "Famous Troubadours" and the "Silas Green" company during the last three years.

In conclusion, I wish my many friends a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

BABY JOSEPHINE WILLIAMS, ALIAS "BABY JOE," THE CHILD WONDER.

This little child takes an active part in this production. She is 7 years of age, has a wonderful voice, is a neat dancer and promises to become a star.

She wishes all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. "Baby Joe's" address is 68 Tenth street, Milwaukee, Wis.

MISS PEARL MOON.

The above is a photo of Miss Pearl Moon, the Virginia Dare, as Sue Johnson in a skit of that name. She is with Eph. Williams's Famous Troubadours and is greeted with great applause at every performance. This young miss is bright and witty. Her address is Box 35, Pulaski, Va. She sends her regards to the profession and wishes all a mery Christmas and a happy New Year.

WEST VIRGINIA NIGHTINGALES.

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LATEST PHOTO OF MRS. RHODA A. WILLIAMS.

The subject of the above cut is the bright and steady business wife of Prof. Eph. Williams, sole owner of the Famous Troubadours Comedy Company, now touring the Southern states to "S. R. O." houses nightly. Mrs. Williams is so well known that she needs no introduction to the show world. She wishes every member of the profession a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Her address is 68 Tenth street, Milwaukee, Wis.

THOMAS PRICE, THE KENTUCKY WHIRLWIND.

The above is a reproduciton from a recent photo of Thomas Price, the Kentucky Whirlwind, as Silas Green from New Orleans, who is with the Eph. Williams Famous Troubadours. He is playing the comedy role with great success and is the coming spot of wit and humor before the footlights. Regards to S. Tutt Whitney, Henry Waterson and Miss Tenna Weatherby. A merry Christmas and a happy New Year to all. His home address is 519 Snyder Place, N. E., Lexington, Ky.; business address, The Freeman, Indianapolis, Ind.

S. G.
NEW ORLEANS

NELSON GREEN.

The subject of the above, Nelson Green, has made rapid strides in the comedy line during the past two years. He is doing a monologue and also plays the bass drum in the band with Eph. William's Famous Troubadours. He sends regards to friends.

WILL GOFF KENNEDY.

The subject of the above is Will Goff Kennedy, a native of Nashville, Tenn., who is well and favorably known throughout the colored theatrical profession. He is an all-around performer and mellophone player He is also a producer and is now touring Florida with Prof. Eph. William's Troubadours in the capacity of stage manager. He wishes all a merry Christmas and a hapy New Year. His permanent address is 1306 Jackson street, Nashville, Tenn.

JERRY MARTIN.

The above is a reproduction of a photo of Jerry Martin, who is now playing the trombone with the Famous Troubadours, is making a great hit in the South. He wishes all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. His address is 55 Sherman Place, Binghamton, N. Y.

EDWARD BASKIN.

The above is the late Edward Baskin, the bright and busy young private secretary and assistant bussiness manager of Prof Williams. He has proved himself a troubadour from the start, and is strictly a business man in the full sense of the word. He sends regards to the profession. He also wishes all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Best wishes to Charles Rhue, William H. Mayfield, George Horrace, and to the Columbia Orchestra, of Keystone, W. Va. Address 95 13th street, Cordele, Ga.

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Miss Russell, the Pennsylvania subrette, who as Miss Flips in the Famous Troubadours Company, in a cowgirl attire, sings that great western hit, "My Bronco Sal." She gets the applause every time she renders her famous song. She wishes all friends and acquaintances a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Regards to D. L. Davis, Dora Page, William H. Mayfield and others. Address, Uniontown, Pa., or 119 Henry street, Roanoke, Va.

This is the photo of J. W. Craddock, the Texas star, late of R. Roy Pope's famous Ringling Annex Band. He is now in sunny Florida, a member of the R. H. Collins Concert Band, and handles the baritone part. He wishes to be remembered to Prof. Pope and the entire company. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. He is now entour with Prof. Eph. Williams' Famous Troubadours Company. Address 294 N. Wright street, Greenville, Tex.

This is yours truly, Prof. F. S. Perdomo, of Sunnyland; solo artist of that beautiful instrument the violin. He is also a master of the E-flat cornet, and is now in charge of the orchestra with Eph. Williams' Famous Troubadours, and is filling his position with every ability of an artist. He sends regards to the musical world on every spoke of the wheel. Address, 621 Thomas street, Key West, Fla.

This is Miss Susie C. Cooksey, the Indianapolis "Song Bird," who, as Linda Jane Green, with the Famous Troubadours Company, is receiving the marks of appreciation nightly. She sings with splendid success that great song hit of the season, "That Barbershop Chord."

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This is the latest likeness of Miss Mollie Wells, the "Tennessee Cyclone" and charming subrette, with Prof. Eph. Williams' Famous Troubadours Company. She is the leader of the famous Dixie Female Quartet, which is nightly making a hit. Miss Wells wishes to be remembered to the profession. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all. Address 125 Pleasant street, Hinton, W. Va.

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CHICAGO.

Weekly Review and Stage Notes by Sylvester Russell.

Manager Kline is breaking all records this week at the Monogram, the house being completely filled at each performance; in fact, the new lobby was congested continually with a moving throng waiting to gain admittance. The bill was opened by Winfrey and Green, a very entertaining sketch team of modern performers, and although this act is new, Miss Green, who is a very pretty young girl, was favorably received. Claude Winfrey, who is locally known as a singing and dancing monologue artist of aptitude, repeated his former successes. Miss Lizzie Hart, the well-known octoroon opera singer, entered into the second week of her engagement more popular than ever. Her first selection, "All That I Ask Is Love," brought her a rousing reception, and "I'm Just Crazy About You" did the same, but it was her new and original version of "Some of These Days" that made them scream and whistle for her return, and it may be that she will be held over next week. The Tolliver Trio was a merry singing, dancing and comedy act. Al and Jesse Tolliver are two young roller skaters who dance with much agility of suppleness, and Mabel Tolliver, who is the happy possessor of a great voice like Anna Cook Pankey, won great applause, and if she were a cultivated singer she would be unrivaled. One of the main features of the bill was the Griffin Sisters, who return more attractive and prepossessing than ever. They opened with their now well-known French ditty song, but the rest of their specialties were new. Miss Mabel was especially attractive in a Spanish costume, and Miss Emma, who is buxom in size, lent much racial humor to her mammy specialties in calico. All their work was heavily encored.

Simms & Thompson at the Grand.

The wonderful thing to be seen at the Grand this week is the abiding hope the audience had to linger and wait for Josie, so Joe Simms was with us again in a new role, and we were much obliged to him for a new act that now brings its work up to its usual standard, and his young partner, Thompson, who has but little magnetism, but whose face is pleasing to look upon, when he combs his hair down nice, is improving. Simms, who has been depressed, is now a picture of joy, which revealed itself when he closed the bill by making them scream. Kid Thomas and Margaret Ward are back again. Miss Ward's "Buddy" was slow, as usual, but a nobby male satire, but she improved in speed in "My John Henry," which saved her from a frost, and Kid Thomas, who wore a new suit of clothes, gave a scene a la George Primrose, and then danced as an expert on rollers. Elmira Johnson and Jennie Ringgold, in a new, up-to-date singing and dancing specialty, were well up to the standard of their former successes. Every girl on the bill was a boy, nicely attractive and a walk-over in pants. There was a white team on the bill; the girl could not do anything, but the young man was a clever contortionist dancer, and received recognition.

Jesse A. Shipp Handicapped.

"A Trip to Jamater," an operatic comedy, by Jesse A. Shipp, is on its second week's run at the Pekin. In the cast is the original Billy Johnson, Sidney L. Perrin, Chas. Gilpin, William Elkins, Lloyd Gibbs, Jerry Mills and Jimmy Brown. The females comprise Goldy Crosby, Hattie McIntosh, Fanny Wise, Maggie Davis, Daisy Brown, Katie Jones, Gertie Brown and Miss Marlowe. The play was naturally well spoken of by those who saw it, but as I was obviously unable to see it, a review of it for the benefit of the actors in the cast and the patrons of the house is unavailable at this time, which renders the situation obituous to the managementfi a hindrance and affront to the producer and other essentials to success.

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The Umbrian Glee Club will give a sacred concert at Institutional Church, Christmas night. Madam Anita Patti Brown will be the soloist.

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S. H. Lane's Chocolate Bon Bons are filling engagements in a condensed musical comedy, "The Darktown Opera Troupe."

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The Tom Fletcher Ouo has just returned from the Pantage's time.

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Miss Anita Wilkins, prima donna, has left for St. Louis, Mo., to join the Barrett Stock Company at the Theatorium.

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Arthur Woolige, the Original Rags, is in mourning for the loss of his sister, who recently died at Baltimore, Md.

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Miss Nettie Lewis leaves for Los Angeles, Cal., December 28, for a pleasure trip.

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When Sam Davis, of Davis and Walker, was recently approached to have his name inserted in the Christmas greeting news of the Chicago Defender, he immediately paid the price of an ad. to not have his name inserted at all, etc.

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Frank Clermonto informs us from New York that Billy Williams' Chicago application to the C. V. B. A., submitted by Mr. Prampin, has been O. K.'d. The Prampins were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Williams during their stay in Chicago, at which place Mrs. Prampin's mother, Mrs. Edwards, of Kansas City, paid her a visit. Mr. Clermonto's wife, Etta Miner, who returned home from Pennsylvania very ill with pneumonia, is now convalescent.

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Mr. Tull E. Brown, the recital pianist, has returned from his Redpath Bureau tour. He will leave immediately for Louisville, Ky., where he will conduct a conservatory of music.

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Walter Hill, a fairly good young comedian, is to tour the Southern circuits, including Memphis, Hot Springs and New Orleans.

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Miss Lena Mitchell and Bessie Brady have just returned from Jacksonville, Fla., where they filled eight successful weeks.

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The Harper-Smith Trio left the city early in the week, to open at Winnipeg, Manitoba, on the William Morris time.

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Shelton Brooks has returned from Canada to join Jesse A. Shipp's stock company for the next production, after which he is to open on the Orpheum time as the Second Bert Williams.

LAGMAN'S THEATRE, MOBILE, ALA.

The Lagman's Theater Stock Company, now playing an indefinite engagement at this popular playhouse, under the personal direction of Billy Henderson, are, as the Mobile people say, going "big." The company from the start was a boxoffice winner, and with such a man as the present director promises to make a much larger reputation than Mr. Henderson's former company, as each member now connected holds their own as artists in their particular line. For the opening the company was seen to advantage in the great sensational drama "The Texas Ranger," and scored even bigger than former. For the second performance they were seen in "The Officer and the Hobo," which was a scream from start to finish.

The members are as follows: The Hendersons, Billy and Beulah, Sidney Coleman, that big song shouter, the Taylors, Joe and Daisy, Mattie Whitman, oh, those eyes, Albertie Smiley, some singer and dancer, and all in all there is some bunch together.

Our new manager, Mr. A. Wade, only stops long enough to say, hello children, and then leaves with a smile that won't come off.

MUNCIE, IND.

The concert given at the Calvary Baptist Church Monday night was a grand success. Prof. W. H. Hines, of Shelbyville, rendered several selections....The A. M. E. Sunday School will give its Christmas exercises on Monday night, December 26, at the church....Mr. C. W. Downs will entertain a few friends at the Favorite Wednesday, December 28, from 8 to 10 p. m....Mr. Arthur Straus will leave about the first of the year for Little Rock, Ark., to visit his uncle....The most mirthful of all musical comedies, "His Honor, the Banker," presented by the popular Smart Set, will be the attraction at the Wysor Grand on Tuesday night, December 27.

STAGE NOTES.

A rumor of a stock company for the Crown Garden, Indianapolis.

Jones and Gilliam at Grand Opera House, Rutland, Vt., this week.

Taylor and Taylor still in Canada; booked up until April. Making good at every turn.

Miss Marie Burton is singing just as sweetly as ever this week at the Pekin, Cincinnati.

The Goodloes are in Louisville for the holidays, at their home, 934½ West Walnut street. They send regards to all friends.

Couple of picks at the Crown Garden this week with Madge Clinton. It would pay some of the big ones to go to school to them.

Lewis and Lewis extends Christmas and New Years greetings to all. Been having great success. At the American Theater this week.

Mr. J. T. Cox, better known as Polly Cox, died last Sunday. Been complaining for about one year. His son Jimmie will go to Atlanta, Ga., to live.

R. Roy Pope is busy building up his band for the next season. He is at the head of Ringling Bros. Annex Band. He will winter in Indianapolis. Season opens in March.

The Pewees, Chas. and Sadie, will open their Montgomery, Ala., engagement on December 26th for three weeks. They send Christmas greetings, and hope all a happy New Year.

The Lockharts, Tom and Ada, are spending the holidays in Atlanta, Ga., with Mr. Lockhart's family, 268 Terry street. Out after Christmas in "Queen Bess." New costumes.

Black Patti and her bunch at Yazoo City, Miss., last week. Jolly John Larkins is reported to be holding his own, not to mention the Madame, who is said to be in fine form.

Taylor and Taylor, members of the Southern Vaudeville Circuit. Three successful weeks at Queen Theater, Montgomery. Have opened at Langeman's Theater, Mobile. Making good.

"A Royal Coon," a prodigious production at the Crown Garden, Indianapolis, Christmas week. Thirty-five people, all top notchers, will be in the cast. A chorus of twenty people will be heard.

Madame Cordelia McClain has secured her release from the one Billy McClain, theatrical manager and sometimes fight promoter. An Indianapolis paper had it that they fought in London and separated in Paris.

Fred Lewis and his two boys, Leon and Carl, are resting up a season at their home. Fred reports a successful season in the New England states. He will go with R. R. Pope, of Ringling Bros. Annex Band the next season.

Walter Manigault, eccentric buck and wing dancer, is thought by some to be one of the greatest dancers of his kind in the world. He thinks 115 steps is a plenty to convince people of who he is. He does some other stunts, monologue, and so forth. Now at the Pekin, Richmond, Va.

Some of the theatre fiends couldn't wait until Dudley and his Smart Set came to Indianapolis, they had to go to Chicago to see it. They came back raging, giving it to Aida Overton Walker especially for her clever work. According to report, the whole show gives a very excellent account of itself.

S. H. Dudley and his folks are expected in Indianapolis in March. Really they are expected much sooner, according to the feeling here. O, for a good, first-class, whole show once more. The bits are all right that are seen, and which are the rage—vaudeville—but a good, square meal of a show will be mighty welcome when it comes along. Come on with the show.

THE IVY THEATRE, CHATTANOOGA, TENN.

The show is still meeting with unbounded success and the people are stisfied that they get their money's worth in fun and amusement. Wiggins and Wiggins are still making big hits. Say, Jack is some foot work producer. 'Nuf said. The Hoosier state rosebuds,Watkins and Watkins, still captivate the audience when they sing "Oh You Bolo." Billy is some comedian; Miss Watkins is some foot shaker. Also singing that Texas Tommie dance by Prof E. B. Dudley. Miss Evelyn White, better known as "Shakeq," the singing and dancing soubrette, takes three and four encores singing "You Needn't Come Now Cause Your Rent Is Due." Mr. J. B. Beaman, that Alabama fellow, is originally funny in his chicken monologue singing "I Don't Want No Chicken if I Have to Run and Leave Them Behind." Mr. Lyon Daniel, late of Ted Sparks Amusement Association, is the coming comedian, featuring his own jungle act and cleaning his own composition entitled "Lots of Everything. The Houzes, Bert and Carrie, closed a very successful six weeks to open at the Houston Theater, Louisville. Mr. Billy Watkins and wife sends best regards to Fred Lewis and Essie and Leon. Walter Lyons, why don't you write; care of The Freeman. Our orchestra consists of Prof. E. B. Dudley, leader; Mrs. Lovie T. Dudley on the Ivories; Kid Dinah on them traps. Manager G. R. Sewards is proud and well pleased with his show.

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CITY AND SOCIETY.

Mrs. Ida Stiggars is ill at her home in North West street.

Mrs. George Green and children are visiting friends at Dayton, O.

Rev. Dolly Lewis, evangelist, has returned to her home in Kentucky.

Mrs. Ida Cushenberry, of Cincinnati, is the guest of friends and relatives.

Mr. Elwood C. Knox presented his wife, Mrs. Susie Knox, with a piano for Christmas.

Mr. William W. Clark, of Akron, O., was in the city this week visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. James H. Lewis were the guests of his parents at Bloomington, Ind., Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Lawson met with an accident in which her leg was injured. She is improving.

Miss Iphigenia Coles and Miss Almeda Burwell are visiting Miss Oneida Duff, of 901 Fayette street.

Superintendent Skelton of the M. E. church preached morning and evening at Scott's chapel last Sunday.

Mrs. William R. Hill and children, of Chicago, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. T. V. Hill, of Martindale avenue.

Attorney R. L. Brokenburr will return Monday from Spartansburg, N. C., where he spent the holidays with friends.

The Misses Newell and Hibbitts will reseive informally Sunday at the home of Miss Hibbitts in North Missouri street.

Mr. R. Brown, who has been the guest of friends for the past few days, left Thursday for Chicago and Kansas City.

Mrs. Wilson Lovings, of 723 Muskingum street, served a five course dinner the 29th in honor of Mrs. Harry Esters, of St. Paul.

Mr. Ed. Tull Brown, the well known pianist has gone to Louisville, Ky., after a short visit with friends and relatives in this city.

Prof. William H. Perry, of Louisville, Ky., was in the city Wednesday of this week. Mr. Perry is principal of one of the largest colored schools in the country.

Rev. J. S. Bailey, of Maysville, Ky., former pastor of Simpson M. E. Chapel, of this city, was the guest of Rev. D. E. Skelton and family in Paca street, a few days this week.

Walter Chenault, teacher, of Greenville, O., was in the city this week, spending the holidays with friends. He has a school project to unfold for the benefit of the colored youths of Indiana.

Mrs. Cecil Sanders, of 721½ Muskingum street, served a seven course dinner in honor of Mrs. Harry Esters, of St. Paul. The other out-of-town guest was Mrs. Carry E. Smith, of Muncie.

Guests at the Christian Inn, 1103 North Senate avenue: C. L. Pace, Philadelphia, Pa.; W. A. Parker, Newark, N. J.; Wirt Smith, city; Alex. Malory, Arthur Duncan and E. Covington, Bowling Green, Ky.

The opening sermon of Scott's chapel on Martindale avenue was preached by Rev. Dr. H. W. Tate. Collection lifted by Mr. George L. Knox. The congregation is highly pleased with their beautiful new church house. Rev. Chas. Jones is pastor.

Superintendent Skelton of the M. E. church and wife gave a dinner last Friday evening at their beautiful home on Paca street. Among those present were Mrs. Dolly Lewis, the evangelist; Rev. H. W. Tate, D. D., and wife; Mr. Geo. L. Knox and Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Tribbie. A very enjoyable evening was spent.

The marriage of Mr. Albert Ferguson and Miss Georgia Johnson was solemnized Monday evening, at the home of Rev. H. W. Tate, pastor of Simpson Chapel, in West Tenth street, in the presence of a few intimate friends. Mr. Ferguson is well known in social circles, and has been a successful chauffeur in the city for the past few years.

Mr. George Jones, of Crawfordsville, Ind., and Thaddeus Jones, of Detroit, Mich., are visiting their sister, Mrs. Lillian Brown, during the holidays. Miss Elsie Masterson, of Louisville, Ky., is also visiting Mrs. Brown, who is the wife of Dr. W. E. Brown, one of our popular physicians. Mrs. Brown is a teacher in the city schools.

Mrs. James Carter, of 732 North California street, entertained a few friends Monday morning, December 26th in honor of Mrs. J. F. Stalkup, of Bowling Green, Ky. The house was decorated with Christmas decorations. Among those present were Mesdames James Hamilton, Anna Parker, C. C. Ford, Johnson, and G. L. Lane. The hostess was beautifully costumed in a dark navy blue gown and looked very charming.

Mrs. Harriet Kelley entertained Monday evening for her guest, Miss Bernardine Payton, of Parkersburg, W. Va., at her home, 1917 Highland Place. During the evening a delightful program was rendered. Among those appearing were Mr. Thaddeus Jones, the well known reader, Alfred Taylor, poet and reader, and Miss Almeda Burwell, of Oberlin, who rendered a piano solo. Mrs. Kelley's excellently appointed home was appropriately decorated. The evening was splendidly spent.

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PHILLIPS CHAPEL.

Watch meeting Saturday night beginning at 10:30. New Year's Sunday; sermon at 11 a. m., by Rev. Taylor, ex-pastor; 7:30 p. m., sermon by pastor. Wednesday evening, January 4th, prayer and official meeting. Revival services will be held form then on. Presiding Elder Copeland will be present. First Quarterly meeting second Sunday in January. Rev. W. H. Tate, pastor of Simpson's Chapel will preach communion sermon at 3 p. m. All invited.

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OFFICERS ELECTED.

The following officers for 1911 were elected by Deborah Temple, No. 3, on Tuesday evening, December 13: Anna Poarch, M. W. P.; Alice White, vice; Lizzie Brown, financial secretary; Lyda Addison, recording secretary; Lucy Thompson, treasurer; Betty Tribb, chairman of board of trustees; Winnie Denny, secretary of board of trustees; Sallie Alexandria, chairman of sick committee; Sarah Rendo, second; Belle Streets, marshall; Lue Parker, senior; Zela Marshall, Carrie Mills.

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Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

A great crowd is expected to attend the first Monster meeting of the year 1911 at Witherspoon church, on North West street between Walnut and St. Clair streets.

Dr. Chas. A. Wood, secretary of the Board of Health, will be the speaker. In this capacity he is well acquainted with existing conditions relative to our social welfare. Dr. Wood is a pleasing and forceful talker. His subject will be "The New Era." Men only.

The soloist for the occasion is Mrs. Pearl Cleague. Come out. Begin the year right. If you don't you miss a rare treat. All men are welcome. Program begins promptly at 3:30. No person under sixteen years admitted.

Open house Monday, January 2nd. A committee of ladies will be on hand to receive, and all are welcome for there will be something doing al day. At 4 p. m., a basket ball game will be played between the Whites and the Blues. At 8 p. m., a gymnastic exhibition will be given interspersed with a musical program.

LAST PAYMENT ON PIANO AT SCHOOL No. 42.

The following persons made donations of 25 cents and more toward the last payment on the piano of School No. 42, for which we wish to thank them very heartily:

Wm. S. Davis, $1.00; Joseph Brown, 25c; Harry Rodocher, $1.00; Cash, 50c; Cash, 25c; A. B. Gould, $1.00; E. C. Stam, 50c; Z. F. Kimball, 25c; F. C. Owen, $1.00; P. Bramlett, 30c; G. L. Hitelberger, 50c; Miss Fanny Carter, $2.00; Miss Myrtle Broadie, $1.00; Miss Irene Hayden, $1.00; Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Grubbs, $1.00; T. Prentiss, $1.00; Mrs. Mattie Pankey, 50c; D. T. Weir, $5.00; Mrs. Louise Miller, $1.00; Rev. T. R. Prentiss, 50c; Isaac Pleasant, 50c; Mrs. Teeters, 25c; Rev. G. W. Ward, 50c; Mrs. M. B. Taylor, 25c; I. T. Taylor, 25c; J. Holland, 50c; Mr. McKittrick, 50c; Rev. A. Higgins, $1.00; H. Terry, 25c; Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Starks, 50c; J. Holley, $1.00; Wm. F. Watts, $1.00; Frank Wells, 50c; L. H. Johnson, 50c; D. Moschelle, 50c; H. W. Willet, 50c; Bessie Downey, 25c; Mrs. Florence Peters, 25c; Jas. Sewell, 25c; W. W. Richardson, $1.00; J. W. Stone, 50c; H. Watts, 25c; A. Hines, 25c; Virgil Jones, $1.00; Rev. F. F. Young, 50c; Children of School, $4.11; L. W. Green, 50c; Wm. Ray, $1.00; John Jones, Jr., 50c; Rev. Averitt, 50c; Boys' Club, 50c; O. F. Jones, $1.00; A. L. Morris, 50c.

Small donations to the amount of $2.05 were also secured. We desire to especially thank Messrs. Gabriel L. Jones, Joseph Brown, W. S. Davis and C. F. Jones, who solicited funds for this purpose.

The members of the Parents' Club deserve much credit for standing by us and meeting the payments as they fell due from time to time. Without their help we could not have paid for the instrument at all. Very respectfully, Mrs. M. E. Thomas, F. F. Young, W. E. Grubbs, committee on Piano.

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BATTLE CREEK, MICH.

Mr. William Corrothers is confined to his home with typhoid fever....Mr. Clarence Buler, after spending a week with relatives in this city, has returned to his home in Grand Rapids, Mich....Mr. Geo. Clark, of Racine, Wis., is visiting in this city as the guest of his sister, Mrs. Ida Gaines....Mrs. Isabelle Salspaugh has returned to this city, accompanied by Mr. Lewis Wesley, after a pleasant visit in Youngstown, Ohio....Mrs. William Watkins, of Barbour street, is visiting relatives in Wabash, Ind., during the holidays....Mrs. Russell Macon and granddaughter are spending the holidays in this city as the guests of Mrs. George Meyers, of 12 Pauline street....Mrs. E. E. Gregory, of 84 Fonda avenue, entertained at a family reunion on Sunday, December 25. The out of town guests were: Mr. A. Dick and daughter, Mrs. Grace St. John and Mr. John Robinson, of Kalamazoo, Mich., and Mr. Silas Brown and Mr. E. Gregory, of Detroit, Mich. ....Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Kitzmiller and Mr. Claude Evans spent last Tuesday evening with Mrs. Alice B. Johnson.... Mrs. B. F. Laws, of Columbus, O., is visiting in this city as the guest of relatives and friends....Miss Nettie Brown has recovered from her illness....Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Oliver, of 22 Peninsular street, are the parents of a fine baby boy.... Miss Dora Guy, who for the past few months has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Grace Simpson, of Washington Heights, left Thursday morning, December 22, for her home in Newark, O., accompanied by Miss Elaine Loomis, of 11 Clay street. The young ladies will be absent a month or more, during which time they will visit friends and relatives in Cincinnati, Columbus and Toledo, O., stopping a few days in Detroit, Mich., enroute home.... The Freeman can be found at 50 Warren street; Glad Williams, agent.

DALLAS, TEX.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The water situation is still in a state of seige, and where the officials have investigated they fear critical conditions for the citiens and property in case of fire....Mrs. Mollie Morris is visiting her daughter....Mrs. Sibble N. Smith spent Christmas with relatives in Piano.... Several of our progressive merchants are sending patrons their handsome Negro calendars for the year 1911, which are very acceptable in every home....J. A. Austin and others are pushing a benefit association here for all ages of the race. Are you in it, idle ones? To those who don't belong to any order, this association offers many an opportunity which cannot be had elsewhere, and it will stop much of the begging for burial when a member of the race passes away. It helps to keep you out of many hard circumstances....J. T. Walker and Daniel Cowan, members of the Pastime Club, spent the holidays in Denton county on a hunting trip....Mr. A. A. Smith and Miss Virgie B. Weinberg were married last Tuesday night at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Isom Woolridge, on Aiken street, in the presence of a host of admiring friends. Presiding Elder R. S. Jenkins officiated. They have the best wishes of the citiens of Dallas for a smooth sail over the sea of matrimony. ....Miss Corintha Taylor is spending a week recuperating, at San Angelo. Her Dallas friends and the teachers of the city schools are hoping for her return fully recovered....The county teachers held an interesting session at Bethel A. M. E. church, corner Leonard and Cachran streets....Miss Susie Taylor, of Ennis, spent a short time here enroute to her home from San Angelo, where she visited her sister....Joe Broomfield's Cafe, 2213 Elm street, is called the "Short Order Cafe."....Mrs. R. Lone, of Kinsington, Ga., is here the guest of her brother, G. Hardin, and family....B. B. Ace, the tailor and cleaner, is located near Bryon street....Mr. Jessie Webster left for El Paso, and will soon return with a wife....Start in time with your New Year's resolutions....Negro wood and coal dealers are losing the small quantity customers because of the high prices they charge. It can be remedied. Let the Negroes in every kind of business see to it that no one is treated beeter than another at their places of business. ....Prof. J. W. Towns is visiting in Atlanta, Ga....Look for The Freeman on Saturday of each week. Have your cash ready for J. G. Griffin, agent, corner of Main and Austin streets.

JELLICO, TENN.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. George Gray, of Peabody, will spend Christmas at home......Rev. S. Woods and Miss Millie Simpson were married at the A. M. E. church Tuesday night......Miss Bertha Gillium departed for her home in Spencer, N. C., Monday ....Mr. and Mrs. S. Bowman are the happy parents of a baby girl....Misses Mary Johnson and Maggie Grant, who have been attending college, will spend Christmas at home....Mr. Chas. Halebeston, who has been the guest of Mr. Perry Bush, has returned to his home in Chattanooga, Tenn......Miss Couna Button, who has been attending Knoxville college, was en route through here to Gatliff, Ky., where she will spend Christmas....Miss Helen Jackson was the guest of Miss Flemmie Bailey Saturday. Miss Jackson is from Athens....Miss Aggie Lowe Stevens departed for Athens, Sunday, where she will be the guest of Miss Jackson.... Mr. Willie Jackson will spend Christmas at home. He is a student at Knoxville college......Miss Mattie Bush and Mr. Fred Smith were married December 15th. Mr. Smith is of Chattanooga, where they will make their future home......Miss Christmas, of Williamsburg, was the guest of Mrs. J. Lutz, Christmas....Mrs. Geo. McDonald was the guest of Mrs. Chas. Sutton....Mrs. Sarah Hamonds, of Knoxville, is expected to be the guest of Mrs. Sutton......Miss Mabel McLoy, who is a teacher of Anthias, spent Christmas with Mrs. E. B. Johnson....Mrs. Wesley McCrosca has been seriously ill at her home, but is a little better now....Rev. A. B. Turner made a trip to Barbourville Tuesday....Mrs. Louis McCrosca entertained her relatives at a Christmas dinner......Mrs. Emma Reid died at her daughter's home, Monday morning at 5 o'clock. Mrs. Reid was a faithful member of the A. M. E. church. Mrs. Reid was very old....Mesdames Rosa Baxter, Lillie Miller and Mattie Steaveson spent the day at East Tennessee....Messrs. John Goins and Will Douglass were entertained at a Christmas dinner by Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Baxter.

LIMA, OHIO.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The Christmas tree and exercises at the Baptist church December 24th, were a success, with lots of presents being distributed among a large audience, after which luncheon and refreshments were served....The A. M. E. church had a successful Christmas tree and exercises at the church, December 25th, everybody being welcome. After many presents were distributed to a large number of people, luncheon was served in the vestry of the church....Arthur Carter, of Cincinnati, O., who is a graduate of Howard University, of Washington, D. C., will locate in this city some time this week to commence the practice of law....Mr. Ravola Adams, of this city, who is attending college in Chicago, spent Christmas in this city with his father and many friends ....Mr. Abe Goins, of Detroit, Mich., is here to spend his two weeks' vacation with his sister, Mrs. J. R. Thomas....Mr. Harry Hicks has returned from school for his Christmas vacation....Miss Hazel Hicks is home from Wilberforce on her vacation....Mrs. Carpenter has been very sick.

CANNONSBURG, PA.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Miss Nola Shearrow, who has been a patient at the Canonsburg hospital for some time, spent Christmas at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ezekiel Beth, returning to the hospital Monday evening ....Mr. and Mrs. Percy Golden, of Pittsburg, Pa., spent Christmas with Mrs. Golden's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Davis ....Mr. and Mrs. Harry Thompson and son and daughter, of Carnegie, are visiting Mrs. Thompson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Philips....An elegant program was carried out at Payne Chapel A. M. E. church, after which the members of the Sabbath school were treated. There was a large attendance....Mr. and Mrs. Albert Williams, of South Canonsburg, were visited by the stork, which left a fourteen-pound son as a Christmas gift to the couple....Miss Anna Hayden, better known as "Aunt Ann," is on the sick list....Mrs. Martha Shearrow, Mrs. Dora McClelland and Mrs. Anna Beth attended the grand lodge of Samaritans at Brownsville, Pa.

CORSICANA, TEX.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. Josie Adams is spending the holidays with her daughter in school at Huntsville, Ala....Mr. Upton Williams and Vernie Johnson dropped in from Dallas and spent several hours in the city....There are some certain individuals in the city who ought to read some and learn what the world is doing instead of going around and talking about their neighbors, and other things that do not concern them. People living in glass houses should not throw stones....Christmas was celebrated in a quite way in this city, and there were no disorderly persons reported at all. The patrol wagon did no business whatever....Mrs. John White spent the holidays in Dallas, Tex....Don't forget The Freeman every Sunday for sale by James Shaw....Drs. W. W. Humphries and G. Phipps have a reputation among their people which is hard to excel....Mr. T. B. Thomas was quite prominent at the Christmas tree. Every time old Santa Claus would pull off a package it was for T. B. Thomas. ....Mr. and Mrs. Will Johnson, of Petty, Tex., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. George Flourney, of this city....Mr. Edwin Anderson, of Temple, Tex., spent a few days with E. C. Anderson....Mr. Clinton Apperson received a pretty present for Christmas in the way of a piano.... Mr. Will Travis, the whisey man, is up from Teague, Tex....Mrs. Johnnie Travis is visiting relatives in Lee Hive, Okla.

MT. VERNON, OHIO.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mr. William Jones, of Newark, spent Christmas in our city visiting friends and relatives....The W. C. T. U. will hold its regular meeting with Mrs. Alice Roy, 104 West Front street....Club No. 1, of the A. M. E. church, Miss Viola Simons, captain, realied $110.00 from the living pictures and supper held at the church on December 21st....Mr. James Smith, formerly of this city, but now of Parkersburg, W. Va., who has been spending the holidays visiting friends, said just let me subscribe for The Freeman a year for I am sure to get the Mt. Vernon news and news pertaining to our race all over the country....B. M. Anderson (Tobe) has opened a plumbing shop at the corner of East Water and East streets, phone 103 bell, 664 Green City. Nice boy, give him your work....A ball was given Monday evening at the K. of P. armory. The Columbus trio orchestra furnished the music Many out-of-town guests were present, and every one reported a good time.... Mr. Jake Hurley, one of the old residenters, now of Marion, O., spent Christmas looking over his old acquaintances and relatives....Mr. and Mrs. C. Mayle, of Marietta, O., the parents of Mr. C. Mayle, of the East end, and also Mrs. Jackson, of Marietta, are visiting our city....Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Kinney, of Detroit, are visiting their aunt, Mrs. Carrie Ewing, of Calhoun street, during the holiday week. They were entertained by the following friends: Monday evening, by Mr. and Mrs. John C. May, who laid covers for ten; Tuesday afternoon, by the Twenty Century Club; Tuesday evening, by Miss Viola Simon, of South Gay street; Thursday evening, by Mr. and Mrs. William Newman, of Locust street; Friday, by Mr. and Mrs. F. Goins, of Cottage street; Wednesday evening, attended the ball at the K. of P. armory, and left for home after a week of continuous pleasure ....Mr. J. Peterson, of Belaire, O., spent Christmas visiting his son, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Peterson of East Pleasant street ....Jeanette, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Hackley, of the West side, died December 25th of pneumonia interum at Mount View....A Christmas tree was held at the Calvary Baptist church, Monday, December 26th, and all the young hearts were made glad and a few of the old ones. Also a Christmas tree was held at the A. M. E. church, Saturday night, December 24th, and Santa Claus gave away numerous gifts to the little ones and big ones....This is your last chance to subscribe for The Freeman at $1.00 a year. Let me take your subscription today. Just phone Black 782, and I will cheerfully call.

COLUMBIA, MO.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

A cold blooded murder occurred in Columbia Tuesday, December 20, when Sam O'Neil met and shot William Holt to death on Sixth street, in front of Charles Scott's home. The two men are said to have had some difficulty recently.

Holt was born and reared at New Bloomfield and was about 25 years of age. He came to Columbia about three years ago and was a barber by trade. He was married and his wife has been in St. Louis for the past four months learning the hair dressing business, and was expected home Christmas. His mother, Mrs. Julia Graves, who is said to live in Minnesota.

His body was taken to Fulton by Mr. N. McDonald, a brother K. of P. of that city.

O'Neil is a Columbia boy and has been for some time employed as porter in the Tiger barber shop.

Immediately after the shooting he was arrested in the basement of the building where he worked, and was placed in jail.

Both men were Knights of Pythias.

SHEFFIELD, ALA., NOTES.

Mr. Harry Stennett died December 14, after several months' illness. He was one of Sheffield's best citizens. He leaves a father, mother, several brothers, sisters and a host of friends to mourn his loss. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. R. H. Haynes, pastor of the A. M. E. Church, of Tuscumbia....Mr. Clay Stennett, of Memphis, was called to this city to attend the funeral of his brother Harry. He will spend several days in the city.... Mr. and Mrs. William Stennett desire to extend their heartfelt thanks to the many friends for their kindness during the illness of their son....I wish to say to the citizens of Sheffield that I am very grateful to them for their liberal patronage, and hope to have a continuance of the same. I shall not feel that I have done my duty until The Freeman is read in every home in the city. J. W. Shoemaker, agent, Second street, at Abernatha's Restaurant.

JACKSONVILLE, ILL.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The Christmas program on December 24th at the Mission was largely attended. Each child was remembered....Mrs. Annie Robinson Hatcher, of Canada, is visiting her mother and other friends....Mr. Buck Wilson is still very ill, also Mrs. Mary Thomas.......The Second Baptist church was beautifully decorated on December 24th. The program was fine. The tree was loaded with Christmas presents. Each child was remembered.......The Christmas program at the McCabe church was largely attended. Each child was presented with a box of candy....An excellent program was rendered at the Bethel A. M. E. church December 24th. The drama was fine in every way. Presents were distributed from the tree, and a treat of a box of candy was given to all....Mr. Davis, of Missouri, is visiting his brother, Mr. John McCree and other friends....Rev. Miller preached an able sermon December 18th at Bethel A. M. E. church.

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